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## Cabinet may fall

### Italian minister offers to quit

ROME, May 23 (Agencies) — Italian leaders were uneasily maneuvering Saturday to prevent the collapse of the government only a month before administrative elections, as a scandal involving top political, financial and security figures continued to mushroom.

Justice Minister Adolfo Sarti offered his resignation to Prime Minister Arnaldo Forlani as his name was linked to a Masonic Lodge that prosecutors are investigating as a possible "criminal association". The widening scandal has led to the arrest of a former colonel in the Italian secret service and raises a threat to Premier Forlani's seven-month-old coalition government.

Two other cabinet members Labor Minister Franco Foschi and Foreign Trade Minister Enrico Manca, are believed to have offered to resign.

The names of top politicians, businessmen, publishers, diplomats and military officers were on a list of 953 members of the P2 Lodge which Forlani released to the press two days ago under pressure by parliament.

Sarti who has helped direct Italy's battle against terrorism, was not named on the list but was reported to be a candidate in documents found in the home of the Lodge's "grand master".

Sarti in a letter to Forlani denied he had made any attempt to join the Lodge, but said he was forced to leave the government because his name had been tainted in a "slandorous campaign."

The Italian constitution prohibits secret associations and if the P2 Lodge were in fact secret, membership in it would be outlawed. Magistrate Domenico Sica issued arrest warrants for Licio Gelli, fugitive grand master of the P2 Lodge, and Col. Antonio Viezzer, a former official of the internal security division of the Secret Service (SID). Police said later Col. Viezzer had already been taken into custody.

Forlani Friday ordered publication of a list of 963 members of the P2 Lodge, found in the home of Licio Gelli, a former honorary consul for Argentina who fled abroad during investigations into his role in a fraud scandal last year. Officials said the charges against the two men related to article 257 of the Italian Penal Code which punishes political or military espionage with a 15-year prison sentence.

It was not officially revealed whether the charges against Gelli were related to the fraud, which is said to have cost the state some \$2 billion in lost revenues over 10 years. The deception is said to have involved the description of petrol as heating oil in customs documents. Heating oil carries a lower tax rate.

Publication of the list of members of the P2 Lodge will probably lead to a cabinet reshuffle and could threaten the stability of Forlani's four-party coalition government, parliamentary sources said. The Communist Party has already called for the government's resignation.

The list included two cabinet ministers, 30 members of parliament, the leader of a government party, the chief of the defense staff and heads of the secret service. Masonry is legal in Italy but secret societies are banned and constitutional questions have been raised over whether "covert" lodges like the P2 count as secret societies.

Many of those named on the list have denied connection with the Masons, but the government has promised to publish further evidence that the list is genuine.

Col. Viezzer worked closely with Gen. Maletti before the secret service was reorganized in 1977 after a series of scandals, justice ministry sources said. Also named were Michele Sindona, who is serving a 25-year prison sentence in the United States in connection with the collapse of his banking empire, and Roberto Calvi and Carlo Bonomi, two Milan financiers arrested this week for fraud.



ON GUARD: Spanish national police crouch behind their cars in a deserted Catalonia Square in Barcelona and keep an eye on the main branch of the central bank where gunmen are holding several hundred hostages.

## Japan wants U.S. to clarify on bombs

TOKYO, May 23 (Agencies) — Under pressure from opposition parties, the Japanese government, which insists that U.S. nuclear weapons never enter Japan, has asked the United States officially about indications atomic warheads may have been stored on a U.S. base here, a foreign ministry spokesman said Saturday.

It was the first time Japan has made an official query about the reported presence of U.S. nuclear weapons since a political furor erupted two weeks ago. The government insists that the United States always has observed Japanese prohibitions against the presence in Japan or movement through Japanese territory of any nuclear weapons, despite statements by former U.S. officials that U.S. navy ships carrying such weapons often call at Japanese ports.

On Friday, the government vehemently rejected the claim of a U.S. diplomat that the U.S. Navy had stored atomic bombs aboard a small ship anchored just offshore near Hiroshima 20 years ago. The foreign ministry spokesman said the U.S. embassy had been asked about a sign warning of possible nuclear accidents that still is posted at a former American ammunition dump on Kyushu, Japan's southernmost main island. A picture of the sign was shown in the Diet (parliament) by a Communist Diet member Friday, with the accusation that it proves atomic weapons were once stored there.

The spokesman said the foreign ministry had not yet asked about charges by another opposition member of parliament that an atomic weapon was taken to the U.S. Air Force base at Kadena, near Tokyo, for repair and maintenance in 1975. The parliamentarian claimed to be in possession of a maintenance report on the weapon. Other opposition members who claimed to have "reasonable information" that atomic warheads once were stored at the U.S. Navy base at Yokosuka, just outside Tokyo, and Apia, near Hiroshima, offered no evidence, the ministry spokesman said, and therefore the Americans will be asked about them.

New pressure on the burgeoning nuclear issue also came from regional officials. Kyodo News Service reported. It said the governors of Okinawa and Hiroshima prefectures (states) had demanded investigation of the claims of nuclear weapons being kept in Japan. According to the agency, Okinawa Governor Junji Nishime told a news conference in Naha, capital of the island, which has a large American military establishment, that he was shocked by the allegations by former U.S. Ambassador Reischauer and other former U.S. officials that nuclear weapons for years have been routinely carried into Japanese ports and through its waters aboard American naval ships.

Meanwhile, about 30 students and victims of the 1945 atomic-bombing of Hiroshima began a 48-hour hunger strike at Yamaguchi University near the U.S. base at Iwakuni.

where former U.S. Pentagon official Daniel Ellsberg said nuclear bombs were maintained at least until 1967. And in Nagasaki, also atom-bombed by the U.S. in the closing days of World War II, about 80 people including A-bomb victims staged a sit-in at the Peace Memorial Park.

But Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki refused comment and referred the allegations to the foreign ministry. Nuclear weapons on Japanese would be contrary to the U.S.-Japan security treaty, and the Japanese government's policy against production, possession and introduction of nuclear weapons in Japan. The 1960 treaty provided that any major change in the armaments of the U.S. forces in Japan is subject to prior consultations between the two governments.

## Sarkis' palace hit

rejected a Soviet call for an international conference on Lebanon, and he said the United States has hopes for a peaceful solution as long as Habib remains in the region.

## Khaled receives Syrian message

RIYADH, May 23 (SPA) — King Khaled received a message from President Hafez Assad of Syria. It was delivered by his brother Col. Rifaa al Assad, head of the Syrian Special Forces.

Syria, meanwhile, received a pledge of support from the Arab League foreign ministers' conference in Tunisia. And in Washington, Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr. proposed to avoid a military clash between Israel and Syria over Lebanon.

## Habib back in Israel as shelling continues

TEL AVIV, May 23 (AP) — U.S. Envoy Philip C. Habib brought his crisis-meditation effort back to Israel unexpectedly Saturday after a day of shelling while he was in Beirut mending his attempt to cool tension between Israel and Syria.

Israel radio said it was possible that Habib might meet Prime Minister Menachem Begin later Saturday after the end of the Jewish Sabbath. Such a meeting would put begin up to date on all developments before the regular Sunday Israeli cabinet session.

When Habib left Israel for Lebanon Friday it was thought he would stop in Damascus, though on firm plan to visit the Syrian capital was set. Syria, however, had said there was no point in his trip if he had nothing new to

## June 14, 21 set for French National Assembly elections

PARIS, May 23 (Agencies) — President Francois Mitterrand, seeking a parliamentary majority to bring in sweeping reforms, Saturday set June 14 and 21 as dates for elections to the French National Assembly. As widely expected, the new head of state chose the first date possible under the constitution to call on France's 36 million voters to sanction his May 10 victory by returning a Socialist majority to parliament.

On his first full day at the Elysee Palace Friday, Mitterrand dissolved the right-wing dominated parliament and named a new center-left government under Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy. (Related story on page 9).

The Socialists need to topple the 70-seat majority, held by the center-right coalition which supported the defeated President Valery Giscard d'Estaing, in order to usher in an extensive reform program. This includes nationalization of 11 key industries, increased state spending and investment to cut record unemployment, and a wealth tax.

The campaign for the two-round elections does not open officially until June 1 but already the battle lines are drawn. The Socialists are saying the electorate should take the May 10 decision to its logical conclusion and return a left-wing majority. The rightists argue that the new parliament should act as a counterweight to Socialist power at the Elysee. This has never been the case under the 23-year-old Fifth Republic where three presidents have been able to count on a

## Suzuki advertisement insults Arab consumer

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## Nearly 300 hostages held

# Gunmen storm bank in Spain

BARCELONA, Spain, May 23 (R) — At least 20 gunmen, believed to be extreme rightists, held several hundred persons hostage in a Barcelona bank Saturday and demanded the release of officers alleged to have led an abortive military coup exactly three months ago. Official sources said between 20 and 25 guerrillas stormed the main branch of the Banco Central firing automatic weapons to intimidate employees and clients who dived for cover.

One bank clerk was wounded and released from the building. About 20 other persons suffering from shock were also allowed to leave. Official sources said the number of hostages left inside the five-story bank numbered between 200 and 300, many of them women. Police were reported negotiating with the gunmen by telephone to obtain the release of women and elderly hostages.

Police sources said a typed statement found in a nearby telephone box demanded the release of four alleged leaders of the failed Feb. 23 coup in Madrid. The statement was not signed but said the gunmen acted to "finish with red terrorism" in Spain, which indicated they were extreme rightists, the sources said. The four officers whose release was demanded are all now under arrest for alleged military rebellion.

They are Gen. Luis Torres Rojas and Lt. Col. Antonio Tejero, held prisoner at a military fortress in northwest Spain, led more than 200 civil guards in an assault on the Spanish parliament in Madrid on Feb. 23. The rebels had held the entire government and more than 300 parliamentarians hostage for 18 hours before surrendering to loyal security forces.

The coup collapsed after King Juan Carlos spoke out firmly in support of Spain's young democracy. The other men mentioned in the statement are among three generals and 20 additional military officers arrested in connection with the coup plot.

All of the other non-ran "ng c" guards who took part in the parliament assault have been released without being charged.

The statement demanded that two planes be in readiness at Madrid and Barcelona to fly the four officers and the gunmen to Argentina. One report said the statement set a 24-hour time limit for the demands to be met before the gunmen shooting their hostages, but another said the deadline would take effect in 72 hours. The statement was reported to have referred to Col. Tejero as "this hero".

Since the coup attempt, the civil guard officer who swaggered into the Madrid parliament brandishing a pistol has been hailed by Spain's far right, and slogans, calling for his release have been daubed on thousands of walls. But a spokesman for the lawyers defending the alleged coup leaders described the attack on the Barcelona bank and the demands of the gunmen as "completely mad and absurd". He said he did not believe the officers named by the attackers would consent to leave Spain.

The bank raid presented Spain's democratic authorities with yet another big problem as they try to maintain public calm in the highly-tense atmosphere after the coup attempt. The tension rose to new heights two weeks ago when urban guerrillas killed seven members of the security forces and severely wounded the general who heads the royal military household. The attacks, for which leftist Basque separatists and the urban guerrilla organization Gijap claimed responsibility, angered the armed forces and put the bruised Spanish democracy under increased strain.

Saturday's bank assault raised the possibility that the government might use new emergency powers which parliament approved this week. Prime Minister Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo conferred with his top security advisers in Madrid as hundreds of police, backed by crack anti-guerrilla squad members, ringed the bank. The gunmen threatened to blow the building up if police intervened.

Col. Tejero later issued a statement through his lawyers saying he had no intention of fleeing from his pending court martial and appealing to the gunmen, "whatever their ideology," to free the hostages. Col. Tejero said he would not permit his name to be used in any action against innocent victims



PRISONER: Col. Tejero Molina, the Civil Guard officer who attempted a coup, is seen above storming the Spanish Parliament on Feb. 23. Col. Tejero, is among the prisoners the attackers of Barcelona are demanding to be released and flown out of the country, and rejected out of hand "any machination aimed at my release." Rumors that Gen. Torres Rojas had been asked to mediate with the gunmen were denied by his lawyer, who told reporters he believed the bank attack was a manoeuvre to smear the officers implicated in the coup.

According to latest reports, three more of the about 300 hostages were released, apparently for health reasons. Meanwhile, Barcelona police reportedly have identified the gunmen in the bank, the Spanish news agency Europa Press said.

## Scotland prevails

LONDON, May 23 (R) — The curtain came down on the troubled British Soccer Championship when Scotland beat England 1-0 on a 65th minute penalty by John Robertson at Wembley Saturday night. Full report page 13.

## Violent mob fired on in Belfast

BELFAST, May 23 (Agencies) — British troops fired broadsides of anti-riot plastic bullets Saturday at mobs of young Roman Catholics in Belfast and Londonderry, Northern Ireland's two largest cities.

In Londonderry, youths hurled gasoline bombs and home-made grenades packed with nails in the second straight night of rioting in the city, triggered by the death late Thursday night of guerrilla hunger striker Patrick "Patsy" O'Hara, the fourth convicted activist to die on a fast in the Maze prison.

O'Hara came from Londonderry and police sneaked his remains back into the city Friday to avoid any demonstrations in the highly charged atmosphere in Roman Catholic areas. Police said more than 40 gasoline bombs were hurled by the rioters and several vehicles hijacked and set on fire. There were five arrests.

In Belfast, police and troops had to defend themselves against two new and potentially lethal weapons, home-made crossbows and catapults. Police said rioters fired a large number of the silent but deadly bolts at their lines, but that none were struck.

One of the rioters, who police sources said was a 21-year-old gunman, was shot in the thigh during an exchange of fire, while a 15-year-old youth was taken to hospital with severe head injuries. Sinn Fein, political wing of the Irish Republican Army, claimed the youth was shot by a plastic bullet fired by troops. Police said they were investigating the claim.

McCreesh was buried Saturday in his home village of camlough and another jailed guerrilla joined the political fast in Maze prison.

The crossbow, which can be bought in Belfast sports shops \$50, appeared to have joined the rioters' makeshift armoury of (Continued on back page)

## New island coming up near Hawaii

HONOLULU, May 23 (AP) — A new island may be forming in the Pacific Ocean near Hawaii, scientists say. An underwater volcano named Loihi, located 29 kms southeast of Hawaii Islands and 980 meters beneath the waves, is growing bigger as its lava flows enlarge the submerged mountain.

Dr. Alex Malahoff, chief scientist, for ocean survey of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, conducted a survey of the 2,680-meter high undersea mountain, called a seamount, in October.

Working with Dr. Stephen Hammond, a marine geophysicist, he found the volcano was 24 kms long and 13 kms wide. Recent underwater lava flows have increased its size, Malahoff said in a report released in Washington.

"It's gurgling and bubbling and forming

big, bulbous blobs of lava on the sea floor," said Hammond. "Geologists call them pillow lava. You build up big amounts of these things, and eventually, if the activity continues, it builds up, up, and gets near the surface and ... then there are steam explosions and you have an emergent island."

Geologically speaking, he said, Loihi "is very interesting because it gives us a view of the very early life stages of a Hawaiian-style volcano. And its proximity to the big island (Hawaii) and those active volcanoes makes it of great interest."

Loihi is located above the "Hawaiian hot spot," an unusually active area in the earth's crust that has formed the volcanic chain of the Hawaiian Islands, Hammond said. He wouldn't guess how long it would take Loihi to rise out of the ocean.

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## For Jubail complex

## SABIC signs final pacts

RIYADH, May 23 — Final agreements were signed Saturday between the Saudi Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC) and a Japanese consortium led by the Mitsubishi group of companies for the formation of the Eastern petrochemical Company "Sharq", a jointly-owned venture which will undertake the construction and operation of a petrochemical complex at Jubail, according to a SABIC press statement.

The agreements were signed by Dr. Ghazi A. Algosabi, the minister of industry and electricity and chairman of SABIC's board of directors, and by Keizaburo Yamada, president of the Japanese consortium (SPDC).

Under a joint-ownership agreement with the Arabian Petrochemical Company (Petrokemya, a SABIC-Dow joint venture), Sharq will receive the ethylene needed to produce 130,000 metric tons per annum (MTPA) of linear low-density polyethylene and 300,000 MTPA of ethylene glycol. In exchange and under similar agreement, Sharq will supply Petrokemya with 150,000 MTPA of ethylene glycol.

Total cost of the project is expected to be about SR5 billion (1.5 billion dollars). The petrochemical complex will be on stream by mid 1985. When fully operational, the complex will require 460 employees.

This project represents the largest single undertaking between Saudi Arabia and Japan as a result of the technical and commercial cooperation between the two countries. Furthermore, this project is the final project to be implemented by SABIC under the Kingdom's first phase of industrial plans in the fields of petrochemicals, iron and steel and fertilizers which have been entrusted to SABIC for implementation.

On Wednesday, SABIC and Dow Chemical of the United States signed an estimated \$1.3 billion agreement to establish a petrochemical complex in the industrial city of Jubail. The complex, considered the most important of the 10 projects being carried out by SABIC and international firms, will produce polyethylene and ethylene.

Production of the SABIC-Dow complex will begin in mid-1985.



**JURISPRUDENCE:** Islamic experts met in Jeddah Saturday to plan the proposed Islamic jurisprudence complex and prepare its articles of association. Delegates represented the Kingdom, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Morocco, Syria, the U.A.E., Tunis and Kuwait. The complex was proposed by the third Islamic summit conference which met in Makka last year. It will provide interpretations and knowledge to the Islamic world on various issues.

## Underqiri returns from talks

RIYADH, May 23 (SPA) — Dr. Yassin Saleh Underqiri, assistant deputy labor and social affairs minister, returned here Saturday from Cyprus where he led the Kingdom's delegation to a conference on Immigration to the Arab world.

The conference, organized by the United Nations' Economic Committee for West Asia, was concluded in Nicosia Sunday. The week-long conference discussed 35 research related to manpower immigration to the Arab world and the political, economic and

social dimensions of this issue, Dr. Underqiri said.

He added that there was unanimous agreement on organizing the labor immigration to the Arab region under an agreement to be ratified by the states of the region. The participants in the conference also agreed on giving greater care to improve workers' levels in both labor exporting and importing countries, and conduct more research and studies in this effect, Dr. Underqiri said.

## BRIEFS

**Nazer returns**  
RIYADH, May 23 (SPA) — Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer returned here from London Saturday after addressing the Arab Bankers' Association about the Kingdom's Third Five-Year Development Plan. He said the plan included development projects in agriculture and industry as well as for urban and rural development. Some of the plans have already been implemented according to plan, he said.

**Ruhaimah funds allocated**  
RUMAIMAH, May 23 (SPA) — Ruhaimah Municipality allocated funds for several construction and service projects in its current budget, according to the mayor. Ahmad Al-Thumairi said Saturday that these projects include asphalt paving, paving and illuminating streets in Ruhaimah and nearby areas. The project costs SR13 million, he added. The budget also comprises funds for building gardens and public parks, model markets, maintenance and illumination of streets and cleaning of Ruhaimah, he added.

**Mosque contracts signed**  
MAKKAH, May 23 (SPA) — Deputy Pil-

grimage and Endowments Minister Amin Aqeel Attas signed SR9.7 million contracts for building 14 mosques in Medina, Taif and Abha Saturday, according to ministry officials. This project came under the ministry's care to boost the religious movement.

## Students end activities

DAMMAM, May 23 (SPA) — King Faisal University's Architecture and Planning Faculty held a ceremony marking the end of students activities for the academic year 1980-81. The function was organized by the faculty's Social Committee and comprised a plastic arts exhibition. Dr. Muhammad Turki Al-Turki, KFU undersecretary and dean of the architecture and planning faculty, attended the ceremony.

## Peace mission to meet

RIYADH, May 23 (SPA) — Habib Chatti, Organization of the Islamic Conference secretary general, said Saturday that the Islamic Goodwill Mission set-up at the third Islamic Summit of Taif to end the war between Iraq and Iran will meet in the next few days.

## Arab book exhibition planned

RIYADH, May 23 — The National Council for Culture, Arts and Literature will organize the seventh exhibition of Arabic books in Kuwait later this year, it was learned Saturday.

The exhibition will aim at improving communications among readers, authors, translators and publishers and provide the books with greater facilities for wider circulation.

In order to encourage writers and reward excellent works, the council, in cooperation with the Kuwaiti council for scientific progress, will give KD 5,000, the equivalent of SR30,000 to the best original book and the best translated book. It will also give a prize to the best book on Kuwait.

Meanwhile, an exhibition of educational training methods in mathematics and the sciences was opened here by Dr. Saud Al-Hijazi acting deputy minister for educational and administrative affairs. He toured the display

stands and discussed some of the latest techniques in training and application which were presented by graduate trainees.

In Taif, Prince Fahd ibn Sultan opened an exhibition of works made by handicapped children here which included carpentry, sewing, painting, electrical and decorative pieces and gardening.

## Indonesia given loan

JEDDAH, May 23 (SPA) — The Jeddah-based Islamic Development Bank signed an agreement with Indonesia under which the IDB will finance \$9 million capital of a cement company for the south-east Asian country. The agreement was signed by IDB President Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Ali, and Indonesian Ambassador here Muhammad Hadi Tayeb and an official of the cement company. The Islamic bank had loaned Indonesia \$10 million to be used for a large settlement project.

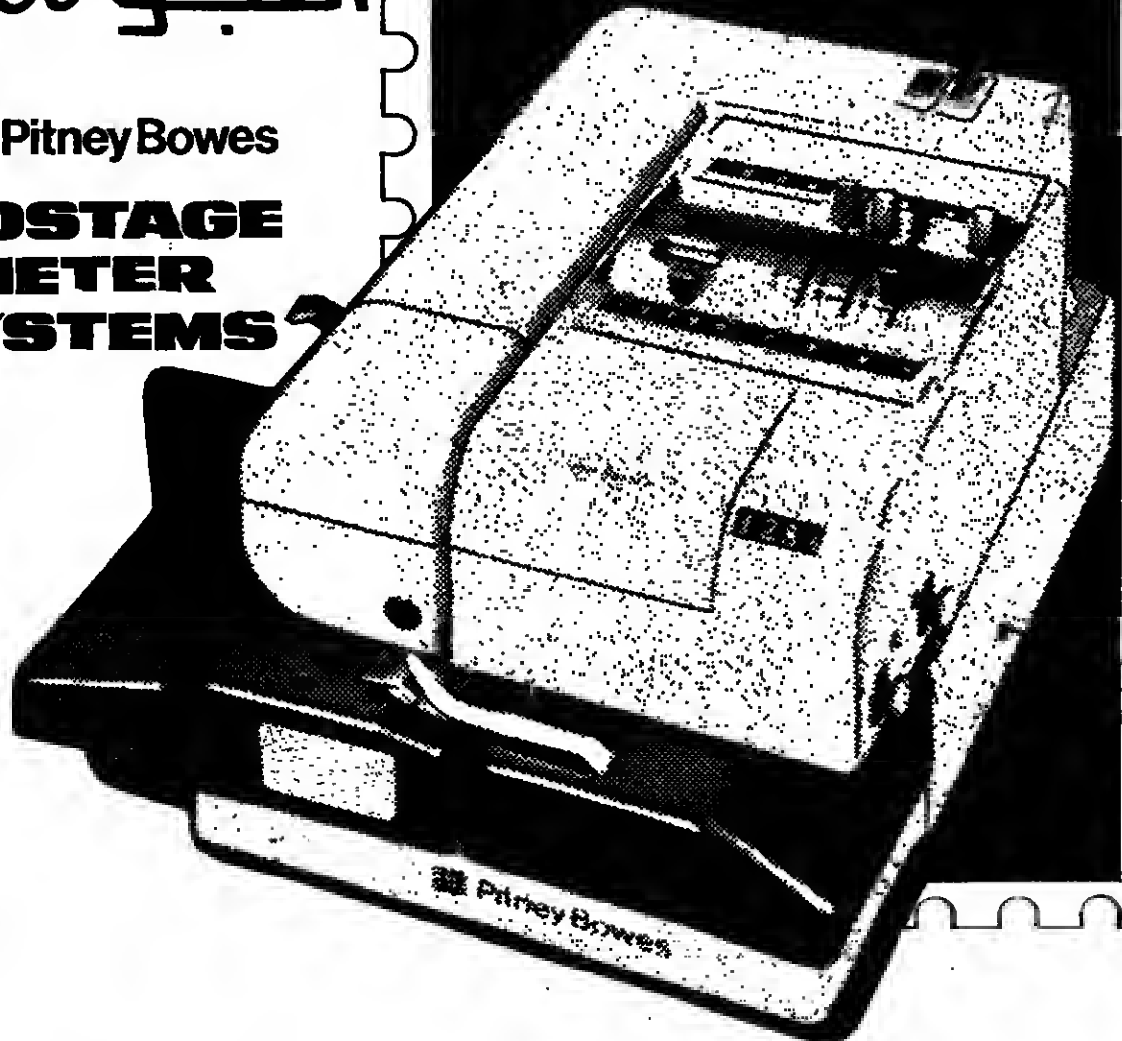


**RETURN:** Chinese Communications Minister Lin Chin-seng Lin (right) returned to Taipei May 19 after a 10-day visit to Saudi Arabia. He was greeted by Saudi Arabian Ambassador Gen. Assad Abdul Aziz Al-Zuhair at the Chiang Kai-Shek International Airport.

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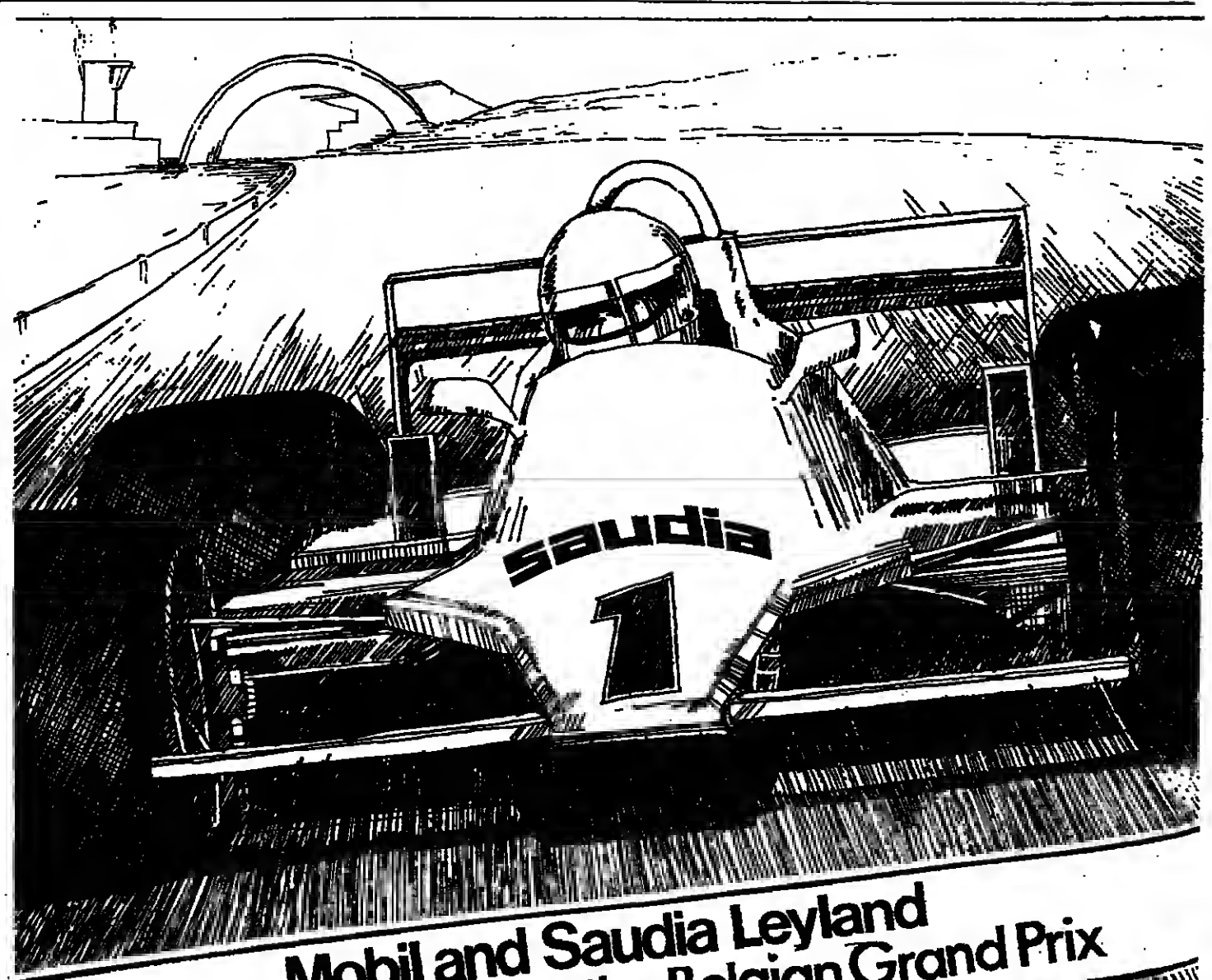
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## PLO considers Kingdom a confrontation state

RIYADH, May 23 (SPA) — The Palestine Liberation Organization considers the Kingdom a confrontation state (against Israel) because of its effective contribution in supporting the struggle on various political, military and economic levels, according to Palestinian officials.

## Illegal aliens pay stiff fines

RIYADH, May 23 — Illegal immigrants who overstayed their visit and their errand visors have had to pay up SR 3,700,000 in during the last two years, according to Mattar Al Mutairi, director of the Interior Ministry dealing with them.

He referred to Israel's aggression against Lebanon and said that these attacks are aimed at liquidating the Palestine revolution and people, so that it will not have to deal with Palestinians. "Israel aims at dealing with the Arab countries and, hence the conflict become a question of borders and not existence," Hassan was quoted as saying.

Israeli actions against Lebanon also aim at expansionism in south Lebanon to reach the Litani river, secure water for improving agriculture and accommodation more immigrants and strengthen its military power to achieve the idea of greater Israel, he said.

Discussing another subject, Hassan said the PLO supports the Gulf Cooperation Council "because any Arab cooperation results in more power." He expressed hope that the council will achieve its objectives in order that the people might benefit.

He called for Arab and Islamic solidarity to protect the Palestinian revolution, strengthen its forward momentum and take part in the field struggle. The Palestinian official urged drawing up of a collective strategy for all work relations and all Muslims in the framework of the Arab and Islamic summits.

PLO Representative to the Kingdom Rafiq Natsha has said recently that the Kingdom has given the Palestine Liberation Organization additional financial aid to help it stand up to Zionist aggression in south Lebanon. He said the extra aid was "practical affirmation of the Saudi Arabian policy of support for the Palestinian revolution at the financial and military levels."

Such aid has been rising ever since the revolution started in 1965. He hoped that other Arab states will honor their commitments to the PLO to help the Palestinians in facing single-handed the Israeli army which was formed to fight all the Arab armies combined.

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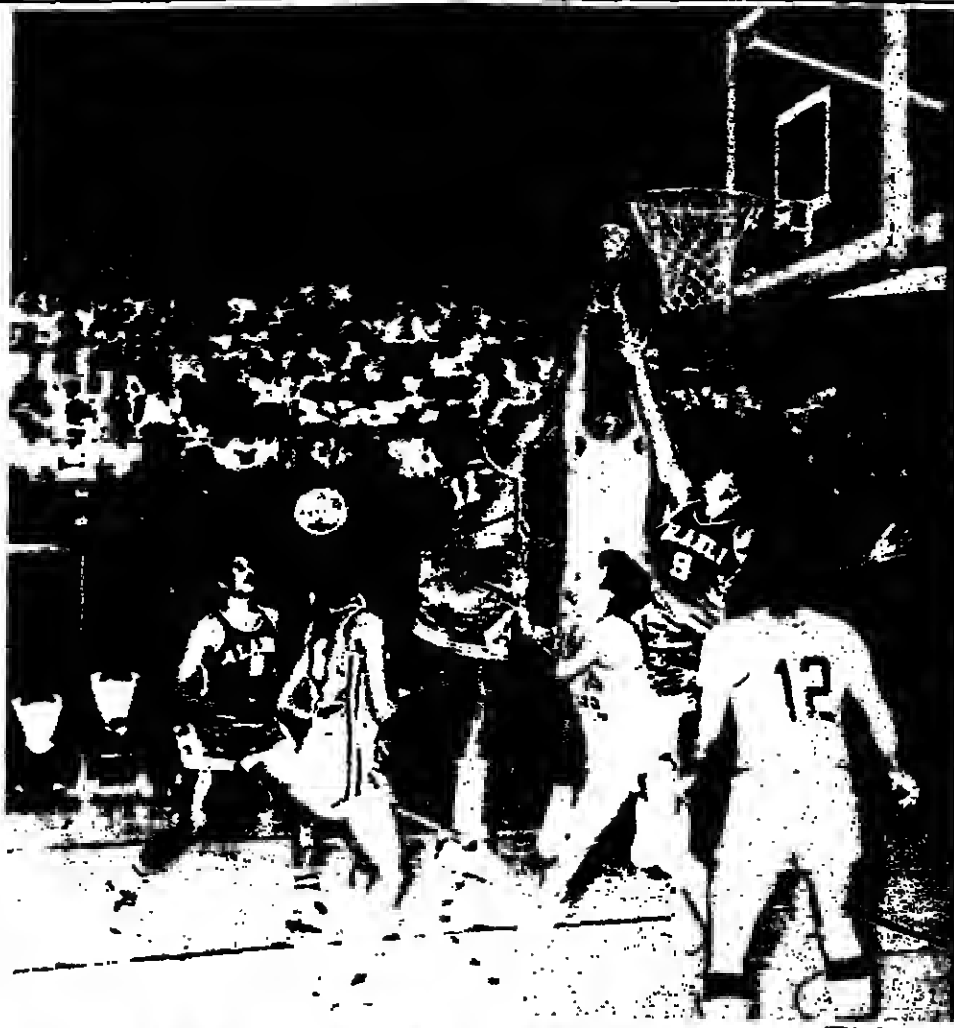
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ANXIOUS MOMENT: A tense moment during the Youth Welfare Presidency Cup Basketball final as the Ahli cagers try to tip the ball away from the Ohod players during play in Riyadh Friday. Ohod won 48-43 and 100-88 in both halves.

## Ohod wins basketball tourney

RIYADH, May 23 (SPA) — Ohod basketball team Friday won the Youth Welfare Presidency Cup after beating Al-Ahli at the Youth Welfare Stadium at Der'ayah. Results at the end of half-time play was 48-43, and played with the score at 100-88, in favor of Ohod.

Prince Talal ibn Saud, chairman of the Saudi Arabian Basketball Federation gave the cup, gold medals and a SR 20,000 check to Ohod team and silver medals and a SR 15,000 check to Al-Ahli team. He also gave the cup of the super basketball league at youth level to Al-Shabab team along with

gold medals and a SR 30,000 check. He gave silver medals and a SR 20,000 to Al-Fatih team, which came in second and bronze medals and a SR 15,000 check to Ohod team which had come third.

Ibrahim Al-Shami, director of the general administration for Youth Welfare then handed the basketball super league cup and gold medals as well as a SR30,000 check to Ohod. He also gave silver medals and a SR20,000 check to Al-Ahli which came in second. Bronze medals and a SR15,000 check were awarded to Al-Itihad, which came in third.

## Prayer Times

Sunday	Makkah	Madina	Riyadh	Dammam	Buraidah	Tabuk
Fajr (Dawn)	4.14	4.10	3.41	3.24	3.49	4.14
Dhuhr (Noon)	12.17	12.18	11.50	11.36	12.01	12.30
Asr (Evening)	3.33	3.42	3.13	3.04	3.29	4.03
Maghreb (Sunset)	6.57	7.03	6.35	6.25	6.49	7.23
Isha (Night)	8.27	8.33	8.05	7.55	8.19	8.53

## For municipal budget Central region given SR281m

JEDDAH, May 23 — The Central Region Municipal and Rural Affairs Directorate was allocated SR 281 million in this year's budget, officials reported Saturday.

Ahmad Abdullah Al-Mishal, central region municipal and rural affairs director general, said the budget includes many projects for the region's municipalities and village complexes.

They include asphaltting, paving and illuminating roads and flyovers, water network and tanks projects, markets, fencing graveyards, slaughter houses, municipality buildings, compensation for expropriated land and the directorate headquarters project in Riyadh.

The directorate has awarded 43 projects to national companies, according to Mishal. The projects, on which work has begun, aim at the prosperity of citizens in their respective towns and villages, he said. Eleven projects are also being studied and will be awarded shortly, he added.

In another development, Dairiyah Municipality's budget for this year amounted to SR 91 million, according to Muhammad Al-Baheli the emir of Dairiyah. The budget includes SR 14 million for asphaltting, paving and illuminating; SR 21 million for temporary asphaltting; SR 23 million compensation for expropriated land; SR 5 million for renovating and expanding an old public garden; SR 12 and SR 10 million for two flyovers; and SR 15 million for a water network.

These projects were approved through the untiring efforts of Riyadh Governor Prince Salman, officials said. Prince Salman visited Dairiyah few months earlier, accompanied by some ministers, deputy ministers and other senior officials to inspect the urgent needs of Dairiyah. The officials held a meeting and discussed the projects. Their recommendations were submitted through Prince Salman.

However, SR 21 million worth projects were postponed for next year. But Dairiyah officials said the delayed projects complete those allocated this year.

Meanwhile, the Southern Region's towns and village complexes also were paid special attention by state officials. This year's allocations for development projects for the Southern towns and villages exceeded SR 1 billion, according to Abdul Aziz Abu Milha the region's municipal and rural affairs director general Saturday.

He said that SR 257 million was allocated for new projects, and SR 614 million for completing projects under construction. The region also won SR 350 million allocated through the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs for developing and improving the region's villages, in addition to other allocations to directorates, municipalities and village complexes that increased this year to provide better administrative and technical services, Milha told *Al Riyadh*.

He added that creation of the Southern Region Water and Sewage Department was approved alongside two village complexes in

Thammat, Asir and Farsan. He said the SR 320 sewage and stormwater drainage project for Khamis Mushayt was completed and handed over. Also the sewage and storm water drainage project for Abha that cost more than SR 300 million is complete and will be handed over shortly, Milha said.

## Abdullah to sign hospital contract

RIYADH, May 23 (SPA) — A contract for the operation and administration of the new National Guard hospital in Jeddah will be signed here Sunday. Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard will sign on behalf of the force while British Ambassador Sir James Craig will sign on behalf of his government.

The contract will include drawing up plans and implementing them for the development of complete medical services for the Guard.

## COMMENT

By Abdullah Omar Khayyat  
Al-Jazirah

During my visit to Al-Khobar and Dammam last week, I was greatly upset to notice empty bottles and trash littered here and there on the streets. During the same period, I incidentally read a statement in *Al Yam* newspaper in which the Mayor of Dammam spoke about the level of sanitation.

Among other things, he reiterated that the contractor's negligence is responsible for the poor state of cleanliness. He also said that the municipality deducted a specific amount from the contractor's entitlement, adding that such sums are paid back into the state treasury.

In my view, the state is not in need of such funds, but what actually is needed is that the funds allocated for cleanliness should be so used to make the required services available to the public. Dammam, as we know, enjoys the status as the capital of the Eastern Province and also one of the most prominent towns of the Kingdom. This position calls for due attention and care for this town, but what we observe is contrary to our expectations.

The public utility services are getting worse in this town as a result of the influx of manpower and also of the municipality's negligence in the performance of its obligations.

Dammam is the Kingdom's "pearl" in the east and, as such, it deserves much more than what it gets in the form of services. It ought to be borne in mind that the public judges the municipality through the cleanliness of streets, pavement and similar other things.

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## Fighters kill 140 Russians

NEW DELHI, May 23 (AP) — Anti-Communist Mujahedeen in Afghanistan recently ambushed and killed 140 Russian soldiers outside Kabul, the capital, an Afghan exile leader has reported.

Saeed Muhammad Maiwand, a former senior government official who now lives in exile in the Indian capital, quoted Thursday a traveler from Afghanistan as saying that the killings occurred 10 days ago when the Mujahedeen ambushed a Soviet convoy in the Lalandar pass near the Rishkor garrison.

The Lalandar pass, the center of heavy fighting between Soviet troops and Afghan fighters earlier is located about 15 kms northwest of Kabul city. The fighters hid in ambush awaiting the arrival of the Russian convoy following a tip-off from an Afghan government army officer sympathizing with the Mujahedeen cause, Maiwand said.

After the ambush, Soviet helicopter gunships heavily bombarded the largely uninhabited area in an attempt to kill the slayers. Maiwand said, adding that no Mujahedeen casualties were reported.

Meanwhile, Afghanistan's Moscow-backed Babrak Karmal regime announced Friday that it had released 230 political prisoners in the northern province of Baghlan. The official Afghan radio said the "penitent" prisoners were freed from the jail in Baghlan's Puli Homri district, 175 kms north of Kabul, the capital, after they promised to fight against "the mercenaries of foreign imperialism who are creating unrest and disturbances of our fatherland."

Puli Homri reportedly was the center of heavy fighting earlier between Afghan government troops and anti-Marxist rebels.

### Sadat joins Sudan celebrations today

KHARTOUM, May 23 (R) — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, on his first visit to an Arab state since signing a peace treaty with Israel two years ago, arrives in Sudan Sunday to attend celebrations marking the 12th anniversary of President Jafar Numeyri's revolution.

His visit highlights efforts by the two neighbors to improve their relations which cooled following the March 1979 peace treaty. Sudan originally supported Sadat's face-to-face diplomacy with Israel but later withdrew his ambassador from Cairo in November 1979.

Last month, Sudan restored full diplomatic relations with Egypt and sent an ambassador to Cairo. The Sudanese move followed the Libyan military intervention in Chad.



RUSSIAN BOMB VICTIM: Indiscriminate bombing by the Soviet occupants has been on the increase in Afghanistan. Picture shows a freedom fighter wounded in Soviet MiG bombing raid on Hassan Khel village, Pakhtia Province, eastern Afghanistan, being carried by comrades toward Pakistan border for treatment.

### Mugabe, Zia discuss Mideast

ISLAMABAD, May 23 (AP) — Prime Minister Robert G. Mugabe of Zimbabwe held his first round of talks with President Gen. Zia-ul-Haq soon after his arrival here Saturday.

The talks centered around the current Middle East situation and other problems affecting the African-Asian relations, informed sources said. A second round of talks was scheduled for Sunday.

Mugabe flew here from New Delhi, India. He is on a four-nation tour including China, Japan, India and Pakistan. At Islamabad airport, the Zimbabwe leader and Mrs. Sally Mugabe were greeted by Zia, as a 19-gun salute boomed.

Mugabe, accompanied by four ministers, will be in Pakistan for four days. Two of his

ministers are expected to join him Sunday.

Pakistani government officials said aid for Zimbabwe will be important in the conversations by Mugabe and his entourage. Before leaving New Delhi, Mugabe and Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi said they condemned attempts by certain countries to alter a United Nations plan for the independence of South African-ruled Namibia (South West Africa).

They did not name the countries, but the so-called Namibia "contact group" — the United States, Britain, Canada, France and West Germany — which has long been working on the problem, has called the U.N. plan insufficient to produce a negotiated settlement. The group has said it will make new proposals designed to strengthen the U.N. scheme.

### India ignores Bangladesh protests

DACCA, May 23 (AP) — Bangladesh continues to strongly resent the forcible occupation of a tiny river island of South Talpatty by India, and the positioning of two Indian naval ships around the island since May 9.

Scores of leaders of political parties, labor and student unions and religious organizations have harshly denounced India's actions and have demanded an immediate and unconditional withdrawal of the Indians from the area.

The Indian high commissioner's office in Dacca has been the scene of noisy anti-Indian demonstrations by various political parties. On Thursday the right-wing opposition Islamic Democratic League organized a demonstration near the commissioner's office. In the city's central square, Baitul Mokarram, at least six meetings are held daily at different times to voice concern and indignation over India's action. The demonstrators burned the effigy of Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and carried anti-Indian slogans.

## Libyan troops asked to stay in Chad

Four-man summit ends

PARIS, May 23 (Agencies) — A four-state African summit on Chad ended in the capital Ndjamena Friday night after "insisting on the need to maintain Libyan troops in the country," the Libyan News Agency Jana reported from Ndjamena Saturday.

The meeting also agreed to "leave to the care of the Chadian government a decision whether or not African troops should be despatched to the country." Jana said in a report monitored here. At the summit were Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi, Nigerian President Shagari, Chadian President Goukouni Oueddei and Sierra Leonean President Siaka Stevens who is chairman of the organization of African Unity (OAU).

An OAU committee on Chad would be given responsibility for "examining the possibility of the despatch of such troops (to Chad) if the Chadian government requests it," the agency added. While stressing OAU "inability to bear the cost of the presence of Libyan troops," the four leaders "insisted on the need to maintain these troops which, according to them, have played a large role in restoring peace to Chad."

Qaddafi arrived Thursday on his first public visit to Chad which has received military and economic assistance and heavy troop reinforcements from Libya since last January. Jana reported that Goukouni praised Libya's military aid, saying peace has been restored after two decades of civil war thanks to Libyan aid. He added that his government would decide when to disengage with such aid.

Libya intervened last December on Goukouni's side with an estimated 10,000 troops, defeating Goukouni's enemy in the Defense Minister Hissene Habre.

A January summit by 12 African heads of state in Lome, Togo, demanded withdrawal of Libyan troops from Chad. It also called on the OAU to organize free elections before

April 1981.

The OAU had worked out a peace accord for Chad in 1979 which set up a transitional government. But the arrival of Libyan troops and its announcement of a merger or agreement of unity with its southern neighbor, brought OAU efforts to a stall. Nigeria has been critical of the merger plans, saying it

detracts from the 1979 Lagos accords.

Meanwhile, in Khartoum, the Sudan news agency reported Saturday that Libya has sent troop reinforcements to the towns of Abeche and Atia in Eastern Chad. Some 120 trucks were this week heading for Abeche from the Libyan oasis town of Al Kufra carrying tanks and personnel, the report said.

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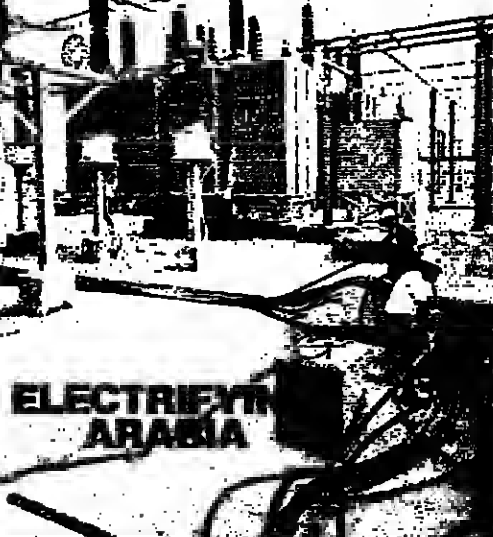
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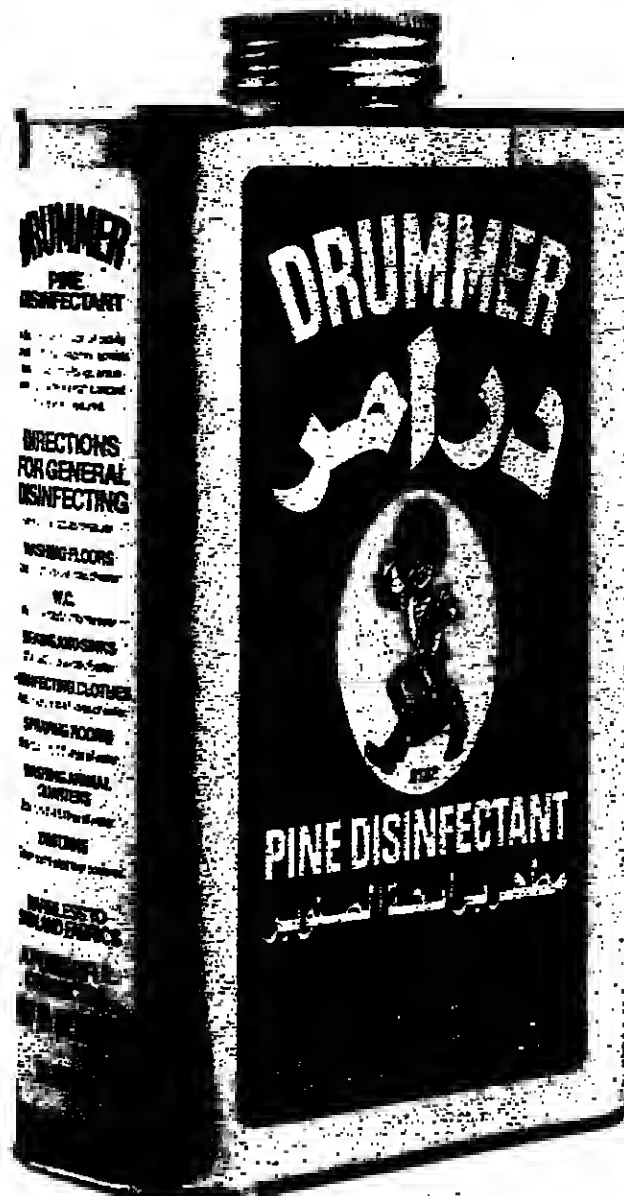


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## Unity call at Tunis

## Syria assured full Arab support

TUNIS, May 23 (SPA) — Arab League Ministerial Council Friday reaffirmed its firm pledge to give military, political and financial support to Syria in case of being attacked by the Israeli enemy.

All the conclusion of its meetings here, the 21-nation council also reaffirmed its backing for the legitimate Lebanese government and called on all the disputing factions in Lebanon to cease-fire immediately and wipe out their differences in order to achieve national unity. The council reiterated its rejection of the Egyptian-Israeli Camp David accords and stressed the importance of consolidating Arab solidarity.

The gathering also called for an urgent application of the Tunis summit resolution under which the Arab oil-producing coun-

tries pledged financial help to the Palestinian refugees in southern Lebanon.

The meeting asked all the Lebanese factions to resort to their national reconciliation and appealed for urgent measures to put an end to fighting in this Arab war-torn country. The council also pledged support for the Palestine Liberation Organization. The council urged the United States to drop its support for Israel or Washington will face serious reactions from the entire Arab world.

Israel has escalated tension in Lebanon over the Syrian missiles deployment in Eastern Lebanon to protect the Arab Deterrent Force (ADF), the Lebanese and the Palestinians against the Israeli repeated attacks, Israel asked Damascus to remove the surface-to-air missiles but Syrians said the

missiles would remain.

The League Secretary-General Chadli Klibi said that Israel had artificially created the missile crisis to force the ADF to leave.

The 21 delegates, meeting to discuss the Middle East situation in the light of the Lebanese crisis, adopted a number of resolutions affirming support for Syria, Lebanon and the Palestinian resistance. Beyond this message of solidarity, they promised to help face up to "Israeli aggression" in every possible way, "including the participation of armed Arab forces alongside Syria, conforming to the Arab League Charter and the Arab Joint Defense Treaty."

The day-long emergency meeting also resulted in a vote confirming decisions of individual Arab governments to back the Lebanese government "to help it face up to the Israeli aggression against its territory." The ministers called for an immediate ceasefire in Lebanon and voiced support for efforts to find a settlement by the Lebanese government "in collaboration with the Syrian government."

Informed conference sources said the 20 countries represented also heard Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) chief Yasser Arafat spell out the "explosive" situation in the Middle East.

Arafat accused the United States of having drawn up a plan to aggravate the situation in the Middle East, the sources reported. He castigated his aid to Israel and said Israel's "aggressive attitude" had been assumed in agreement with Washington. There were U.S. military bases in Egypt, Somalia and Oman, Arafat said in support of his criticisms, the sources reported. But Oman's delegate here reportedly denied that there were U.S. bases in the Sultanate.

## U.N. council extends term of Golan force

UNITED NATIONS, May 23 (Agencies) — The Security Council has approved a six-month renewal of the mandate of the U.N. Force serving as a buffer between the Syrian and Israeli armies on the Golan Heights. The new mandate expires Nov. 30.

The U.N. Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) was set up in May, 1974. It is made up of some 1,280 men, including infantry contingents from Austria and Finland and logistics units from Canada and Poland.

Japanese Ambassador Masaoichi Ito, council president for May, conducted the eight-minute meeting. China did not explain its non-participation. It customarily votes against U.N. peacekeeping forces, some Chinese say because of fear that the superpowers could use such forces for interference in Middle East affairs.

Those voting for the resolution, presented from the chair with no identified sponsor, were the United States, Britain, France, the Soviet Union, Japan, the Philippines, Ireland, Portugal, East Germany, Tunisia, Niger, Uganda, Mexico and Panama. The force was established after Henry Kissinger as U.S. Secretary of State worked out a disengagement agreement between Israel and Syria as a followup to the 1973 Arab-Israeli war.

The latest renewal resolution, identical to similar ones adopted every six months since May 1974, called on the parties to "implement immediately" a 1973 council resolution requesting negotiations for a comprehensive Middle East settlement. The force commander is Finnish Maj. Gen. Erkki R. Kaira.

## U.S. rejects Soviet plea for summit on Mideast

WASHINGTON, May 23 (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig has rejected a call by Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev for an international conference on Lebanon.

Haig said Friday that before any such talks are held about Lebanon, such a conference should be called to deal with the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan. At a news conference, Haig also said that though the crisis in Lebanon has not subsided, the United States has hopes for a peaceful outcome as long as special U.S. envoy Philip Habib remains in the region.

Haig gave no details on the various proposals being exchanged among the parties to the Lebanese dispute, but he said the general

U.S. objective is a return to the "status quo ante" in Lebanon and a strengthening of the authority of the Lebanese government.

Appearing at his first State Department news conference since shortly after taking office, Haig showed no interest in the Brezhnev proposal. His rejection was seen by some analysts as consistent with long-standing American policy of limiting the Soviet role in Middle East peace efforts.

Asked about Brezhnev's proposal, Haig said, "First, I think we are interested in an international conference which would focus on the Soviet presence in Afghanistan. That's the first order of business — that's our major concern today."

## Genscher tries to calm Israelis

BONN, May 23 (R) — West Germany has sought to patch up a row with Israel by reassuring the Zionists that it recognized its moral responsibility for their future.

Foreign Minister Hans-Dieter Genscher, speaking at a farewell lunch for Israeli Ambassador Yohanan Meron, said West Germany would always bear this responsibility in mind during any negotiations involving Israel. His words appeared to be an attempt to ease tension caused by recent personal attacks on Chancellor Helmut Schmidt by Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

Genscher said the chancellor had expressed the wish earlier this month in parliament that Israelis and Arabs would soon be able to live together in peace. The chancellor entreated Begin by saying after a visit to Saudi Arabia that nobody could deprive the Pales-

tinians of their right to form themselves into a state.

Genscher said Friday that for West Germany a just peace in the Middle East "can only be realized when Israel's existence is also guaranteed within secure and recognized borders."

## Criminals flogged

NOUAKCHOTT, May 23 (AFP) — Twenty-nine convicted thieves were flogged here before a crowd of several hundred at the stadium in the Mauritanian capital.

The convicted men were brought forward one by one after the reading of the sentences — prescribed by Islamic law — amid the cries of the crowd. If the lashes were not delivered forcefully enough, the crowd often shouted, "harder, harder."

## U.S. denies report

## Talks with Cyprus minister 'useful'

WASHINGTON, May 23 (AP) — The U.S. State Department said Friday that recent talks here between Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig and the foreign minister of Cyprus were "cordial" and "very useful" and were in no way "antagonistic."

Department spokesman Dean Fischer responded to a reporter's question about news reports contending that the May 18-19 meeting was "a complete failure" and that relations between Haig and Foreign Minister Nikos A. Rolandis were "antagonistic." "The discussions were substantive and cordial and we consider the foreign minister's visit was very useful," Fischer said.

"It is the policy of the administration to support a just and fair and lasting settlement of the problems of Cyprus," Fischer said. "In particular we hope that the ongoing negotia-

tions between the Greek and Turkish Cypriot communities being conducted under the auspices of the United Nations secretary general will be successful. "It was in this connection that it was particularly valuable and timely to hear the views of the foreign minister," Fischer said.

On response to a direct question he added, "No. There was no antagonism." The Cyprus embassy said that Rolandis commented after his hour-long meeting with Haig: "There was a useful and frank exchange of views on the Cyprus problem with particular emphasis on prospects to create mobility on the problem."

Following his meeting with Vice President George Bush, Rolandis said: "We had a useful and constructive talk covering the Cyprus problem and the situation in the Eastern Mediterranean and the Middle East."

## To fight terrorism

## Italy, Tunisia may take joint steps

TUNIS, May 23 (AP) — Italian Interior Minister Virginio Rognoni returned to Rome Friday following two days of talks with Tunisian leaders on improving collaboration between the police forces of the two countries, particularly in the fight against international terrorism.

Rognoni conferred at length with his Tunisian counterpart, Driss Guiga and also had talks with Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba and Prime Minister Muhammad Fathi. Italian and Tunisian sources said though the visit was first planned several months ago, it acquired an immediate urgency following the attempt to assassinate Pope John Paul II.

Tunisian police said the alleged assailant, Agca, spent several weeks late last year in a luxury hotel of Tunisia's Mediterranean coast of Hammamet, with a false Turkish passport in the name of Farouk Ozgoun.

Agca, who escaped from prison in Turkey while under a death sentence for the murder of a newspaper editor, has told Italian investigators he also planned to murder other prominent personalities, including Britain's Queen Elizabeth II, Bourguiba and U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, the sources said.

The sources, who asked not to be identified did not mention Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi among his intended victims. Rognoni gave Italian officials a detailed rundown of the continuing interrogation of Agca, but as far as is known the Libyans have no access to such inside information.

The sources said their curiosity was aroused by a report by the Libyan news agency Jana, purportedly from Rome which said Agca listed Qaddafi among his intended victims.

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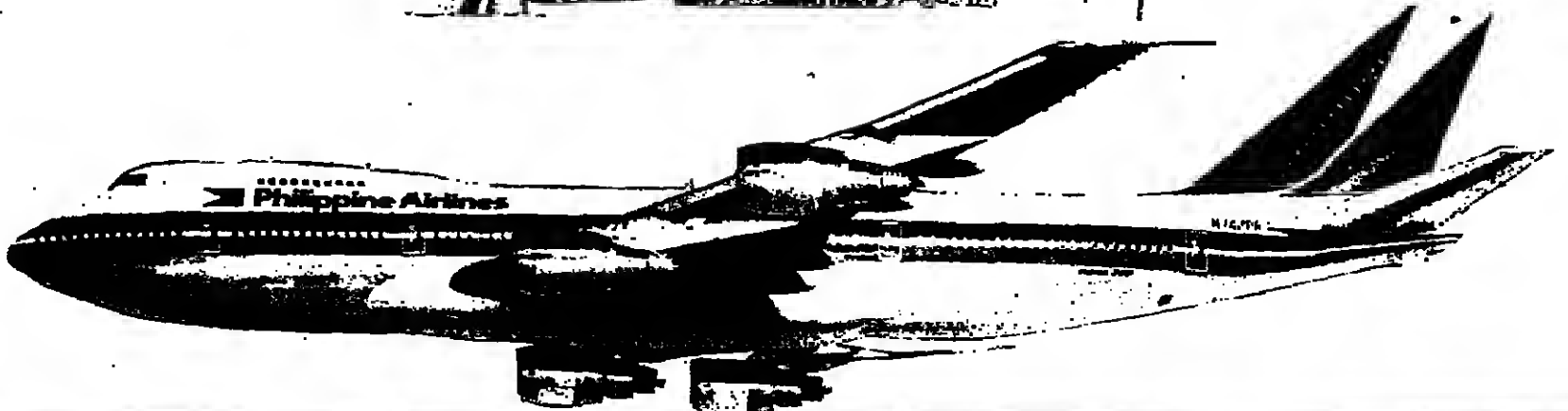


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## ARAB SOLIDARITY

The Arab foreign ministers' meeting in Tunis has served notice that the Arab League states will join Syria in a war against Israel if the latter attacks in Lebanon or anywhere else. They have made it clear that Syria will not stand alone against the full might of Israel and have gone a step further in warning the U.S. against unlimited support for the Zionist state. They have thus, once again, confounded the critics, who claim that the Arab world is in serious disarray and cannot fight again as a compact whole.

The conference has highlighted the Arab world's ability to unite in the face of common danger. Iraq, which is anything but friendly to Syria, has pledged support. Jordan likewise has of special interest was the fact that the so-called rejection front agreed to sit at the same table with the ministers of certain states which the front intensely hated.

The front made up of Syria, Algeria, Libya and South Yemen used to condemn states like Sudan, Oman and Somalia for supporting Egypt's accords with Israel. But this time they discovered that further divisions will not help and that Israel has no love lost for any Arab state specially during a war.

Israel has threatened to eliminate the Syrian anti-aircraft missiles from the Bekaa Valley of Lebanon which are meant to ward off Israeli air attacks on Lebanon, now a daily routine operation as if Lebanon is part of the occupied land itself. Israel and the U.S. have been making an issue of the missiles—a purely defensive weapon—as if it was an act of aggression against Israel. The U.S. had conveniently refrained for years from meaningfully denouncing Israel's air surveillance and attacks on Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon. But now a defensive weapons system designed to discourage such attacks becomes a bone of contention that "necessitates an active shuttle diplomacy." The Palestinian refugees, the destruction of part of Lebanon and the occupation of the enclave in the south by an Israeli stooge, Saad Haddad, did not merit sending an official to the region all these years. The missiles "do," because they would at least curtail Israel's arrogant defiance of international laws and Lebanon's sovereignty. This was a point of interest to the ministers who did not conceal their condemnation of all-out U.S. support for Israel which is making all the difference in the power equation in the region and tempting Israel to flout all norms of civilized behavior.

Takeo together with the recent statement of Crown Prince Fahd, the ministerial communiqué is a grave Arab warning of the consequences of another Israeli attack in the region. Syria is not likely to attack Israel but the latter will if the missiles are not withdrawn and its warplanes do not have absolute freedom to control the Middle Eastern skies. Will any self-respecting Arab national or state permit this ridiculous situation to go unpunished?

## Turkey launches moral campaign

By Juliet Pearce

ANKARA —

The generals ruling Turkey have embarked on a "purification campaign" which goes far beyond initial struggle against terrorism. In the eight months since the coup which centralized the country's quarrelling politicians the military have set a new target of restoring "traditional values" and are clamping down mercilessly on pornography and vice.

Gen. Kenan Evren, the 63-year-old head of state, told a recent mass rally: "We will give you back your homeland perfectly clean. Turkey is a great nation, it does not deserve what it had before."

The new measures, carried out by the paramilitary *Jandarma* and some units of the Turkish Army, coincide with the centennial of the birth of Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, founder of the Turkish Republic. The army considers itself guardian of Kemalism, a term which embraces Ataturk's revolutionary reforms.

The "moral purification" does not mean that the army has relaxed its pursuit of clandestine organizations ranging from extreme Left to extreme Right. The government has created an atmosphere of fear and respect for its power to the extent that guns are being abandoned throughout the country at the rate of some 1,000 a day — before the military search parties find their owners.

Unofficial figures put the number of pistols and revolvers seized or found since the coup at close to 600,000 and the number of automatic weapons (submachine guns and automatic rifles) at some

35,000. Evren himself was quoted as saying: "When we started searching, we knew we could arm a couple of divisions. Now we see that there are enough weapons for an army."

There are, on any given day, between 33,000 and 38,000 prisoners in Turkey's overcrowded jails. They include suspected terrorists and curfew violators. There is no appeal against the latter offense. Late in April, the martial law authorities in Istanbul clamped down on "artists" performing in dingy cabarets. Twenty-two men in women's clothes were hauled into police stations and then told to get out of town.

The military exempted 29-year old Bulent Ersoy, a highly popular singer who recently changed sex, but Ersoy had to swear that "I will wear normal clothes while performing my art and will not indulge in acts and manners which are not good for the eye."

In the southern city of Adana, the authorities have banned "obscene" films, magazines and posters advertising belly dancers and singers. In a commune, the military command said the intention was to protect Turkish youth "from moral and physical degradation and to safeguard Turkish customs, traditions, family relations and moral principles."

The urban police, for years torn between rival factions and plagued by nepotism, have also been "purified." Policemen on duty look smarter, and in many towns the moustaches denoting political affiliation have been shaved off. Against this background, the generals claim they are proceeding with plans to restore the parliamentary system "within a definite timetable."

On the contrary, there is relief at the dramatic decline of urban terrorism, and at the removal of quarrelling politicians who more frequently than put party interests before those of the country. The pressure for parliamentary rule comes mainly from visiting West European delegations. Diplomats believe such statements cause considerable concern to the military National Security Council which relies on foreign credits to help restore economic order in the strategic country of 45 million people.

More than once, Evren has demonstrated annoyance with the invariable question about restoration of the democratic system. After a recent visit by Sir Ian Gilmour, Britain's deputy foreign secretary, Evren said: "Years ago, the Turkish nation adopted a parliamentary system suitable to its needs not to those of foreign nations. Now we will do the same. We are moving step by step and we are making progress."

Under the present timetable, a constituent assembly is to meet some time between the end of August and the end of October. At this stage it is not certain whether the assembly will appoint a committee to draft a new constitution or merely rubber-stamp an official document. A third of its 150 members are to be appointed by the authority.

Before government is turned over to the politicians, a new electoral law will have to be adopted. The generals have warned that they want to keep the former parliament members out. Some members of Ankara's diplomatic colony suggest the "military surgery" may be over by the end of the year. Most, however, feel the task of purifying Turkey might take much longer.

## Democracy, Polish style

By Mark Frankland

Workers in a research institute threaten a hunger strike because the Warsaw branch of Solidarity wants to take over the institute building as an office. They relent only when Solidarity finds them a new, acceptable home. A man exercising his dog in the park keeps a transistor radio to his ear and listens as he walks to a debate in the Sejm, Poland's parliament, whose sessions are now broadcast in full on radio and television.

The ministry of mining orders Silesian miners to work on a Sunday to make up for time lost in a public holiday. Very few obey, but the next Sunday a great many more show up to work voluntarily.

This is democracy, Polish style. Its main elements are a refusal to be pushed around and a determination that the truth be told. The country appears so decided that this is the way it wants to live that foreign alarm about events here is as hard for many Poles to understand as signals from an alien planet. There is calm — quite amazing calm, if you stop to think what has been achieved and at what risk — because what is happening simply seems natural and to a large degree inevitable.

Working out Polish democracy is not comfortable for anyone. Two weeks ago the marshal of the Sejm was presiding over a session of parliament, enjoying its courteous ceremony and the attention of attendants in blue uniforms and white gloves.

The next day he was being ejected from the leadership of the Peasant Party (hitherto an acolyte of the ruling Communists) because he had opposed the creation of Rural Solidarity, the union of private farmers.

Sejm members, chosen under the old system of virtually uncontested elections, make repentant remarks about how in the past "we raised our hands very politely and voted on things light-heartedly." They are now trying to do better, which is why it is worth taking your radio with you to the park when parliament is meeting. How the next Sejm should be elected to make it more democratic is a problem for the future. But the problem of how to make elections match democratic aspirations is already perplexing Solidarity as it prepares for its first national congress in August.

Till now the big factories have dominated the movement because of their importance in the early strikes. Smaller factories are beginning to resent this and are forming electoral alliances to break the hold of their bigger brothers. Solidarity is learning that it is sometimes easier to make democratic demands of the government than it is to arrange to everyone's satisfaction the affairs of a union with almost 10 million members, organized in 42 stubbornly patriotic local regions.

For the moment, however, the tone of Polish democracy is still set by the relationship between Solidarity and other social groups, on the one hand, and the government on the other. There is nothing like it anywhere else in Europe. The country's leaders, who have never submitted themselves to a real election, are faced by groups which the leadership has had to admit do represent popular aspirations.

The result, as a Westerner who has followed events here closely remarked, is "a government that has to pay far more attention to its opposition than the French or the British."

This situation has been in the making at least since 1976, when riots against higher food prices immobilized the government's economic policy for the rest of the decade. Some Communists have drawn the lesson from this. A young party member said: "The old Communists' idea was that public opinion doesn't count, that you should do what you think is good for the people, and eventually they'll understand. But it's too late for that in Poland."

To the outside world, this may look more like stalemate than democracy. If Poland could produce just 10 million more tons of coal a year, its economic future would be less alarming. But "this can't be done quickly," an adviser to Solidarity said, "because it's impossible now to force people to work against their will as they were in the past."

As far as one can tell, this argument makes sense to most Poles and is understood, with varying degrees of reluctance, by most of the leaders. The result is a kind of democracy, officially unacknowledged and almost clandestine, which probably no other country will want to copy — or would be capable of copying. But the Poles are not interested in proselytizing; wanting to be Polish is what it is all about. (ONS)

## Bandaranaike boycotts polls

By Lucien Rajakumar

COLOMBO — Sri Lanka's ruling United National Party has been handed control of seven of the 22 new district development councils after the opposition Freedom Party led by former Premier Mrs. Sirima Bandaranaike withdrew from the campaign. The council elections, due in June, would have been the first island-wide test of public reaction to the government's policies since its sweeping election victory in July 1977. The elections are to be held under a new proportional representation system, where parties submit lists of candidates for each district.

As the nomination deadline drew near the Freedom Party and other left-wing groups failed in a bid to set up a common electoral front. The middle-of-the-road Freedom Party, which has the largest opposition following, decided to field candidates in most areas, including those where leftists had strong support. The pro-Moscow Communists and the Trotskyists withdrew from the campaign earlier.

The government, which has lost popularity due to rising prices and unemployment, had earlier deprived its main rival, Mrs. Bandaranaike, of her civil rights, for alleged abuse of power during her seven-year rule. It also launched a witch-hunt against other Freedom Party leaders. Parliament appointed a select committee to inquire whether former ministers were responsible for advising Mrs. Bandaranaike to extend emergency rule for six years from 1971 to 1977, as claimed by Mrs. Bandaranaike in evidence before a special presidential commission.

With the council polls to be held under new election laws prohibiting house-to-house canvassing, and imposing a total ban on processions and the advertisement of public meetings during the campaign period, the Freedom Party was baulking in its attempts to carry out public opposition.

The government has the use of two state-owned national newspapers and the state-owned radio and TV for its propaganda. The Freedom Party finally announced early this month it was withdrawing from the polls because its leaders were being vilified and the public were not able to judge government policies under present conditions.

## Saudi Arabian Press Review

Most newspapers Saturday led with the upcoming Gulf summit conference, saying that King Khaled will lead the country's delegation to the Conference beginning in Abu Dhabi next Monday. They also reported that the foreign ministers of the member countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council start preparations for the summit Saturday. Meanwhile, *Al-Nadwa* said in a lead story that the Arab nation has reaffirmed its support for Syria and the people of Lebanon and Palestine.

Newspapers frontpaged a report on the return of calm in Beirut with the arrival of Philip Habib, the U.S. president's emissary, but also reported that Syria has turned down Israeli terms and shot down two more enemy planes. In a prominent front-page story, *Okaz*, quoting the Kingdom's ambassador to Indonesia, that the Indonesian foreign minister has renewed President Suharto's invitation to King Khaled to pay a state visit to Indonesia.

In an editorial, *Al-Nadwa* dealt with the Arab Foreign Ministers' Conference in Tunis and the Gulf Arab Foreign Ministers' Conference in Abu Dhabi. Of the Tunis conference, the paper expected the participating ministers to take some effective measures, instead of issuing statements and resolutions, in regard to the Israeli threat to Lebanon and Syria. It urged strong support for Syria, Lebanon, and the people of Palestine who, it said, are facing a war of extermination by the Israeli enemy. In regard to the Abu Dhabi conference, the paper said that the Arabs look toward the Gulf Cooperation Council with great expectations and hope that it will

help build strong bases to realize welfare and prosperity for the peoples of the region.

Writing editorially on the Gulf summit conference, *Al-Bilad* noted that the conference is going to take place in a tense atmosphere created by the Zionist enemy. The paper reaffirmed that the united power of the Arabs will always represent a basic and significant element in the struggle at the international level, but urged that this power be further consolidated and coordinated to have more positive effect on the issues of the region. The paper expressed a firm belief that a strong Arab force will always be the most significant factor in overcoming difficulties which the Zionists and Communists strive to create before the Arabs.

Dealing with the Tunis conference, *Al-Jazirah* observed that the meeting took place at a most appropriate time, demonstrating a practical response to the Arab demand to cope with the Zionist challenge being posed to Lebanon. Under the prevailing circumstance, the Arabs cannot afford to bear further rifts and differences nor delay joint Arab action to confront Israel in Syria and Lebanon, the paper said. It reminded all concerned that the recent developments do not only concern Syria but demonstrate the Arab resolve to face the Israeli threat to the nation. The paper warned that Israeli maneuvers are not aimed at Syria alone but target the whole Arab nation. Israelis continuously trying to infringe on Arab rights with every fresh aggression, said the paper, adding that the Arab Foreign Ministers' Meeting brings before

them a real test in the current situation.

Writing editorially on Saudi Arabia's role, *Al-Jazirah* highlighted Crown Prince Fahd's fervent call to the Arab nation to rise to the level of responsibility in confronting the Zionist threats and challenges. The paper reiterated the Kingdom's firm conviction that marginal differences will harm the Arabs and benefit their common enemy, and therefore it is absolutely necessary for them to unite and face the enemy as one man. It said that the Kingdom's recent declaration of its firm support for Syria and Lebanon has thrown Israeli Premier Begin in a panic, because he is well aware of the significance of Saudi Arabia's role which emanates from its firm belief in the usefulness of Arab unity and solidarity, said the paper. Begin's slanderous remarks against the Kingdom are proof enough of the significance of this country's effective role, the paper added.

Dealing with the Gulf summit, *Okaz* emphasized the role of the Gulf Cooperation Council asserting that it has not been formed to act against anyone, but is an instrument to boost the efforts of the member states for construction and progress. It urged the world to understand the difference between the constructive efforts of the Arab states and the destructive nature of Israel and its expansionist policy which poses an enduring threat to world peace and security. The paper called upon the free world led by the U.S. to strive to stop Israel from committing further assaults on the Arab nation. \*



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# Advertisement smears Arabs to promote Suzuki cars

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, May 23 — Suzuki, a major Japanese car manufacturer, has chosen cheap publicity to promote its products in German markets. Reprinted above are some photographs from an advertisement which appeared in *Stern* newsmagazine on April 15. Imposed above the German cap-

tions are their translation for the convenience of the reader. The advertisement depicts the Arabs as greedy, senseless, and lecherous people who only deserve contempt.

The Suzuki agent in Germany appears to have deliberately resorted to such smearing publicity in an attempt to penetrate the difficult German market at the expense of

the Arabs.

Equally insulting is the irresponsibility of *Stern* which we feel certain that it would have rejected a similar advertisement had it insulted another ethnic group.

But the villain of the piece is and will remain the ungrateful Suzuki group which is one of the leading Japanese car exporters to the Arab world.

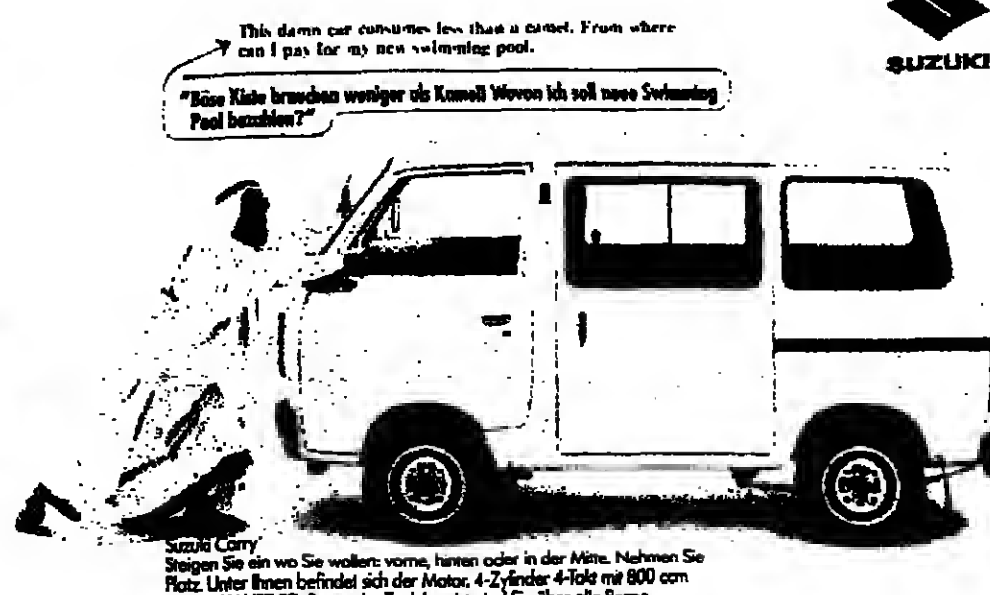
The Arabs and their press will not dare burl such abuse on the friendly Japanese people who are held in great esteem and genuinely admired for their good manners and respect for tradition.

Suzuki's advertisement has made it an urgent national, self-respect Arab issue to rise in the occasion and force the company to feel sorry for its misbehavior.

Much of the blame also lies on the Suzuki mother company, which understandably, could coordinate its overseas publicity campaign like other respected Japanese firms.

It is highly unlikely that Suzuki can ignore the lucrative Arab market, yet its advertisement shows how much it despises the Arabs by depicting them as monsters.

Suzuki should appreciate that no self-respecting nation will cooperate with as generously as the Arabs do and at the same time continue to be insulted so flagrantly. Certainly any respected Arab can live without Suzuki products, and Arab agents are called upon to reconsider their dealings with the company. The Arab League Office in Bonn is also urged to sue Suzuki's agent for libel.



## Quinoform victim tells of sufferings

By Richard Bill

ISEHARA, Japan (AP) — Keikin Yamaguchi has tried to kill herself twice in despair over an incurable disease that has left her blind, paralyzed from the waist down and a burden to her aging parents. She is one of 11,000 victims in Japan suffering from smon, a nerve-crippling disease that surfaced after quinoform, an anti-diarrhea drug, was put on the market.

The drug that disabled Miss Yamaguchi, now banned in Japan, is still sold in more than 100 countries. Only 40-60 smon cases have been reported outside Japan. The manufacturer denies that its product causes the disease. In Japan, smon went undetected for years, wrongly diagnosed as multiple sclerosis. It was not until a mass outbreak of the disease in the 1950s and 1960s that Japanese doctors realized it was a new ailment.

Today, Miss Yamaguchi, 35, hobbles about on crutches, a legacy of the day in February, 1967 when her doctor prescribed quinoform to treat a queasy stomach. Ten days after starting medication, she found her vision blurring and a tingling sensation in her toes — the first symptoms.

Unaware of the side effects, the doctor continued the treatment. Within a month, Miss Yamaguchi, then 21, had lost her sight and use of her legs. Smon, an acronym for subacute-myelo-optico-neuropathy, appeared in Japan in the 1950s and 1960s, when quinoform was freely dispensed by hospitals and sold by pharmacists over the counter. By the time it was banned in 1970, quinoform had been on the Japanese market for over half a century under 180 different brand names.

Quinoform is outlawed in the United States and most of Europe, but is still sold in many nations in Africa, South America and

Southeast Asia — a situation that Miss Yamaguchi's father, a retired carpenter, calls "unforgivable, after all that's happened." Miss Yamaguchi, in an interview with the *Associated Press* at her home in this farm community 96 kms west of Tokyo, said she is "appalled" that packets of quinoform still sit in medicine cabinets around the world. "If only people knew the risk they were taking," she sighed.

Miss Yamaguchi now seems to have come to terms with her disease. She reads in Braille, and contributes to a bi-monthly newsletter for handicapped people. "I tried to end it all when they first told me I'd never get better," said the slender woman. "Things that most healthy people take for granted — seeing friends, reading a good book, or going to the movies — were taken away from me. There didn't seem any reason to continue."

Today, there are 4,500 smon suits in 23 district courts and four high courts. Pending demands for compensation exceed \$730 million. Thousands of people — estimates range from 5,000 to 30,000 — cannot prove they ever took the drug and are unable to receive free medical care. In 1972 Miss Yamaguchi sued Ciba-Geigy (Japan) Ltd., a subsidiary of the Basel, Switzerland-based pharmaceutical conglomerate, which the Tokyo high court deemed was responsible, along with two Japanese drug firms and the Japanese government, for causing the crippling disease.

After a seven-year legal battle she was awarded \$205,000 in damages and \$635 a month for nursing care. Despite the settlement, she is strapped for cash. Able to get to the rehabilitation center only by taxi, she runs up \$200 a month in cab fares alone. The cost of rebuilding the family home and equipment to allow her to get around has eaten up more of the money.

Miss Yamaguchi aims her anger mainly at

Ciba-Geigy. "I appeal to the president of Ciba-Geigy from the bottom of my heart to search his conscience, pay compensation to all the smon victims and take immediate steps to ensure that this company never again causes such horrendous suffering from the sale of their drugs," she said.

Citing only 40-60 smon cases outside Japan, Elji Sasada, Ciba's executive in charge of smon litigation, rejects the Tokyo court's finding of a "causal relationship" between quinoform and smon. He said the drug's value in treating stomach disorders in tropical areas, where such ailments are common, far outweighs any risk of side effects.

Why Japan has such a high rate of the disease has puzzled scientists. Hirokuni Bepu, considered the leading authority on smon, believes it is due in part to the pill-pushing practices of Japanese doctors. "The overprescription of drugs ... is surely due to the current health system in Japan, in which a doctor's income depends upon the quantities of drugs he prescribes," Bepu said in a paper he published on smon.

Bepu believes the smaller physical stature of Japanese may also have played a role since dosages per kilogram of body weight would be greater.

### German Trio plays at PCS auditorium

Jeddah Concert Committee will present the Stage Trio, Sunday, May 24 at 8:00 p.m. at the PCS auditorium. The Trio, including a German pianist, violinist and celloist, will present sonatas from Haydn and works of Beethoven and Hummel. The concert, under the aegis of the German Embassy, is sponsored by Wiener and Trachte. Tickets of SR40 are available at the door.

## In Hong Kong burial grounds

# Dying Chinese face discrimination

By Ronnie Wei

HONG KONG, (AP) — Chinese living in this British colony face little discrimination. Chinese dying here, however, do. The 138-year-old Hong Kong cemetery, a public burial site in a quiet residential area, is almost exclusively filled with Protestants and non-Chinese.

Some 9,000 Protestants, predominantly Britons, were put to rest in the three-lined, manicured burial ground in Happy Valley, while tens of thousands of Chinese of different religious faiths were buried in nine bare, rugged cemeteries scattered throughout the colony. Although a few Chinese and other Orientals are buried in Hong Kong's oldest graveyard, most people consider it segregated.

Ho Wai-lan, a caretaker of the Hong Kong cemetery, said, "for all intent and purpose, this is a burial place for non-Chinese and Protestants only." He said the number of Chinese and other Orientals is minimal and most Chinese there were rich philanthropists or of "outstanding social position." Many Japanese, he said, were buried there during World War II when the British had no jurisdiction over this colony. The urban services department has denied that the cemetery practices segregation.

The department said the cemetery is for Protestants but there is no discrimination against anyone. It pointed out that "some Filipinos, Koreans, Malaysians, Siamese, Chinese and Japanese" are buried there. However, the statement said very few Chinese have been buried there since the Chinese Protestant cemetery was established in 1910. Buddhist, Catholic and Moslem cemeteries have been established, it said. It did not mention that these burial grounds are private,

financed by donations.

One department employee, who asked not to be identified, said he has received many angry telephone calls from Chinese protesters who wanted to bury a family member in Hong Kong cemetery. "My instructed reply has been: 'It is the department's policy not to accept application from Chinese Protestants,'" he said.

"The department is only responsible for sweeping and cleaning cemeteries. The department is not a policy-making body," said James Marshall, a spokesman for the urban services department, who added a personal note.

"My father is buried there because he was white," Marshall said, "but my mother is not

because she wasn't." The grounds, formerly known as colonial cemetery, until recently had another advantage aside from spaciousness. Until 1977, the occupants could permanently rest in peace, unlike others in other public cemeteries who after six years must be exhumed and placed in urns because of a land shortage.

Lai Chiu-kong, staff officer of the urban services department, said, "the first batch of bodies (in Hong Kong cemetery) will be exhumed in 1983 because of new regulations." The regulations require bodies buried there after 1977 to be removed to give way to new arrivals. Authorities have tried with considerable success to eradicate colonial and racial vestiges.

## Scrap metal sorter developed

By a Science Correspondent

LONDON — With oil becoming a precious commodity, interest in using scrap instead of raw materials to produce steel and aluminum is increasing. A quick and efficient scrap metal sorting machine from Britain will make this possible.

The Bird group of Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire, has built a prototype machine which physically separates non-ferrous metals like aluminum, zinc and lead from each other and from steel scrap as fast as a conveyor will feed it. The machine consists of a high level automatic conveyor that shakes the scrap along, and an inclined chute on which the metal sep-

aration takes place. Underneath the chute are motors that produce currents attuned to the individual conductivities of the various metals. As they move down the chute, the chunks of metal are tossed aside at various stages into collecting bins. The point at which a chunk is tossed is determined by the specific gravity of the metal.

By using motors with the right frequencies and voltages it is possible to separate six different metals in a 15-foot run. The metal reclamation industry should be particularly interested in the new machine, especially because it takes 140,000 additional gallons of gasoline to produce 1,000 tons of steel from raw materials as opposed to scrap.

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## Threat to ban papers

## Kenya swoops on journalists

NAIROBI, Kenya, May 23 (Agencies) Police have detained three editors and two reporters from eastern Africa's largest newspaper group, employees said Saturday. President Daniel Arap Moi, angered by stories about a government doctors' strike, has threatened to ban the papers.

Employees of Nation Newspapers Ltd. identified the five in custody as Joseph Rodrigues, editor in chief of *The Daily Nation*, Sunday *Nation* and the Swahili-language *Taifa Leo* (Nation Today), Joseph Kadhi managing editor, John Esibi, news editor, and Pius Nyamora and Gideon Mulaki, reporters, all of the *Daily Nation*.

They said assistant police commissioner Jopinder Singh Sokhi visited the *Nation* office about 4 p.m. Friday and took the three editors in for questioning. The two reporters were said to have been summoned later by the Criminal Investigation Department. All five were still in custody eight hours later, employees said.

The official Kenya news Agency (KNA) quoted Moi as accusing *Nation* newspapers of

misleading the public and seeking to create uneasiness in Kenya. KNA said Moi promised severe measures to protect citizens from agitators.

Residents said newspapermen have been detained before in Kenya but the government's action against the *Nation* group was the strongest in recent memory. The country has no formal censorship.

The Paris-based Aga Khan, leader of millions of Ismaili Muslims around the world, has a controlling interest in the *Nation* group. The newspapers' management made no immediate comment.

The government objected to a *Daily Nation* story about a two-week strike by government doctors, who are demanding pay increases. The government says the strike is illegal.

The *Nation* group apparently incurred the government's displeasure last month when it supported former Vice President Oginga Odinga, following his ban by the ruling party from contesting a by-election, for describing the late President Jomo Kenyatta as "land grabber".

The *Nation* took an opposite stand from Kenya's other English-language newspaper group, the London-owned *Standard* newspapers, when it called on the president, government and party to forgive Odinga for the sake of national unity. The *Standard* called for him to be banned from the by-election. After the ban was maintained, the *Nation* queried the party's criteria for the action.

The government thereupon immediately issued a statement warning the *Nation* to desist from publicly portraying the decision to bar Odinga as "engineered by an individual or group of individuals and not a collective government decision".

## Deng meets visitors

BEIJING, May 23 (AFP) — Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping, the party vice-chairman, Saturday met members of the "trilateral" private political study commission of North American, West European and Japanese personalities. The commission began a three-day meeting in the Great Hall of the People here Thursday.

## N.Korea told to return Seoul captives

SEOUL, May 23 (AFP) — The South Korean government Saturday accused North Korea of holding captive a total of 449 South Koreans, mainly fishermen, "kidnapped" over the years since the end of the Korean War in 1953.

The Culture and Information Ministry here urged North Korea to return them unconditionally, and to stop exploiting them for propaganda purposes. It also denounced North Korea's "cruel behavior" in detaining 19 innocent fishermen for nine months before releasing them last Tuesday.

Those still detained included 406 fishermen captured at sea as recently as last year, 22 men kidnapped on land, and 21 men and women taken North in three separate cases of plane hijacking as far back as 1969, officials said. According to North Korea, they have opted to remain in North Korea.

## New border clash

## Chinese kill 85 Viets

PEKING, May 23 (AFP) — Chinese forces have killed a further 85 Vietnamese troops in a new border clash, bringing to nearly 400 the number of Vietnamese killed in such clashes this month, the *People's Daily* reported Saturday.

The latest fighting came the day after Peking gave Hanoi an implicit warning that it was ready to teach it "another lesson" on the lines of its 1979 military offensive.

The clash between Chinese border guards and a Vietnamese company took place Friday in the Chinese frontier district of Malipo in Yunnan province, the newspaper said. The fighting lasted more than four hours and the 85 Vietnamese killed included two officers, the paper added. It gave no casualty figures for the Chinese.

Chinese forces had already announced the deaths of 100 Vietnamese soldiers in the same area on May 7. According to the *People's Daily*, Hanoi had decided to step up "armed provocations" because of its defeat then. In recent days, there have been 30 casualties — killed or wounded — on the two

sides in skirmishes in the region.

Other clashes have been reported this month in Guangxi province's Fakshan zone, opposite the Vietnamese town of Langson. China has twice protested in the past two weeks about Vietnamese "provocations" and warned that it held Hanoi responsible for "all consequences" which might result from continued incidents.

## Thai border closed

BANGKOK, May 23 (AFP) — The Thai government has quietly decided to close its borders to Vietnamese boat people in a move analysts said may spark an international humanitarian uproar.

The ban appeared to be part of a new, wider policy aimed at significantly reducing Thailand's refugee population as soon as possible.

But it could also be a bargaining attempt to stress the burden of refugees in Thailand, which has about 260,000 persons in camps including Vietnamese, Cambodians and Laotians, analysts added.

## Long Ripper hunt

## Probe of London police incompetence urged

LONDON, May 23 (Agencies) — "Yorkshire Ripper" Peter Sutcliffe Saturday began the first day of life imprisonment for 13 murders and seven attempted murders in Britain's worst ever reign of terror against women. But West Yorkshire police who took five years to catch the bearded, soft-spoken killer after launching the biggest manhunt in British criminal history now find themselves accused.

Lawmakers and newspapers charge they let Sutcliffe slip through their fingers time after time and say their "negligence and incompetence" want a government inquiry.

Sutcliffe's trial at London's Old Bailey central criminal court ended Friday with a recommendation from judge Sir Leslie Boreham that the 34-year-old truck driver should serve at least 30 years in jail.

During the 14-day hearing, attorney-general Sir Michael Havers, prosecuting, revealed that:

— Police interviewed Sutcliffe nine times in the five years between the first Ripper killing on Oct. 30, 1975, to his arrest on Jan. 2 and that on each occasion they let him go.

— Officers stopped Sutcliffe in his car four times at Ripper checkpoints during the five years and each time let him go.

— They sighted Sutcliffe 50 times in red light areas of northern cities where many of the Ripper murders took place and let him go.

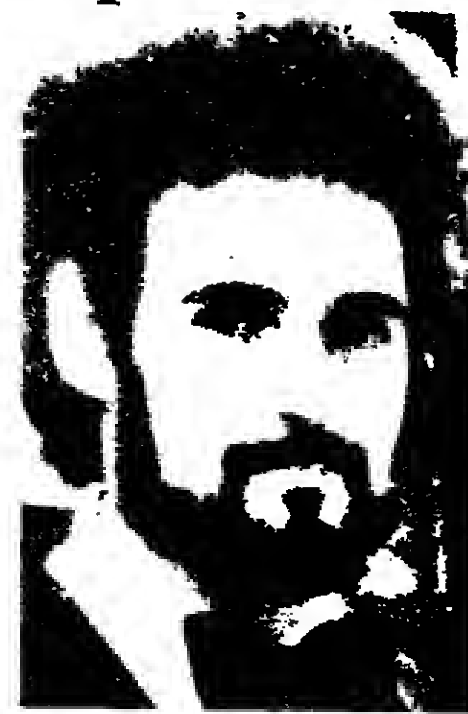
— They were distracted by a hoax tape recording, although one of the women who survived a Ripper attack told them the voice of her attacker was different from the voice on the tape. On each occasion until his arrest, Havers said, Sutcliffe was able to convince police he was not the man they sought.

As the trial ended, newspapers attacked as "ludicrous" and "inadequate" the proposal by chief constable Ronald Gregory, head of West Yorkshire Police, to set up a local internal police inquiry by senior officers into the failure to catch Sutcliffe earlier.

Bob Cryer, an opposition Labor Party legislator, demanded a government inquiry into what he termed "blunders and discrepancies" in the \$8.4 million hunt for the Ripper. Teams of detectives interviewed 21,000 men and checked five million cars during the hunt. Another Labor lawmaker, Robert Kilroy-Silk, urged a top level inquiry by the government's inspectors of Constabulary.

As the Ripper story received massive coverage in British newspapers, television and radio, *The London Times* said Saturday that the evidence the police had when they caught Sutcliffe "was so extensive that it is scarcely credible that he went unidentified for so long."

*The Daily Express* called for Home Secretary William Whitelaw to set up an inquiry. It said "serious allegations of negligence and incompetence" had to be answered and "that public confidence had been shaken in the West Yorkshire police. *The Daily Mail* said evidence at the trial "implies a serious lack of intelligence in evaluating the material" by the



Peter Sutcliffe

police. But judge Boreham at the end of the trial praised the tenacity of the West Yorkshire police and commended officers in the case.

Sutcliffe, a 34-year-old truck driver, killed nearly two dozen women as the mysterious 19th century Jack the Ripper who roamed the streets of central London in 1888. But Jack the Ripper's chilling place in British hearts seems assured for all time because he, unlike Sutcliffe and other mass murderers, was never caught nor identified.

After Jack the Ripper, Britain's other woman killers, some of whom, like Sutcliffe, attacked women, died on the gallows until capital punishment was abolished in 1965.

The first to be executed was George Joseph Smith who convicted in 1912 of murdering three middle-aged lonely women. In 1941, another woman killer struck in the blacked-out streets of bomb-damaged London. A number of middle-aged housewives were found slashed and strangled and the

## Peking leaders said addicted to privileges

TAIPEI, May 23 (CNA): Chinese people on the mainland have likened communism as opium to the Peking rulers who know the evil but refuse to give up their addiction to privilege.

According to reports reaching here from the mainland, people there have become even more disgusted with communism after Deng Hsiao-ping revised part of Peking's economic policies. Overcome by fear, the reports said, the Communists are trying to tighten political and ideological control.

The reports said that young people on the mainland are yearning for the free and prosperous life in the Republic of China.

trail led one year later to a young airman called Gordon Cummings, who was hanged.

After World War II, John George Haigh, known as the acid bath killer, shocked Britain. Haigh was hanged in 1949 for killing a 69-year-old woman. Before he died he confessed to having killed eight other women and disposed of their bodies in sulphuric acid.

Probably Britain's most controversial murder case on the century was that of John Reginald Christie, the owner of a Victorian house in London's Notting Hill Gate.

One of his tenants, Timothy Evans, a man with the mental age of a child, was hanged for a murder which he had insisted was committed by Christie. Later the bodies of six women were found stuffed in the walls and buried in the garden at Christie's home and Christie was tried and convicted for murder in 1953.

Although women killers seem to have the most fascination for the British public, the morbid record for the most killings is held by an arsonist. Bruce Lee, who was jailed for 23 murders between 1973 and 1979. His victims died when he set fire to a old people's home.

## Nine journalists quit French weekly

PARIS, May 23 (AFP) — Nine journalists Friday signed accords under which they will leave *L'Express*, a successful French weekly news magazine, following a dispute with owner Sir James Goldsmith over editorial policy.

Three of five deputy chief editors — Roger-Xavier Lantier, who was in charge of investigative reporting, Albert Duroy, responsible for political coverage in France, and Jean-François Held, who headed non-political reporting — were among the nine who left Friday.

The six others were writers Lilian Siebler and Emile Guikovsky, political section chief Robert Schneider, literary critic Angelo Rinaldi, television section head Jean-Paul Aymon and music critic Philippe Adler.

Two magazine officials, editorial committee member Max Gallo and editorial director Jean-François Revel, have already left the staff. They acted after Sir James dismissed chief editor Olivier Todd.

Realizing the situation, the Communists issued a document on March 19, calling for the reprint of 25 "revolutionary" songs. The document noted that "currently, some young people have serious doubts about socialism, refuse to accept socialist education, and bourgeois ideology is gravely affecting the growth of the new generation."

The youths on the mainland consider communism as a failure, and that Communist leaders are reluctant to give it up because they want to retain their privileges. People on the mainland have expressed their hope that the new generation in China will finally reject communism, the reports said.

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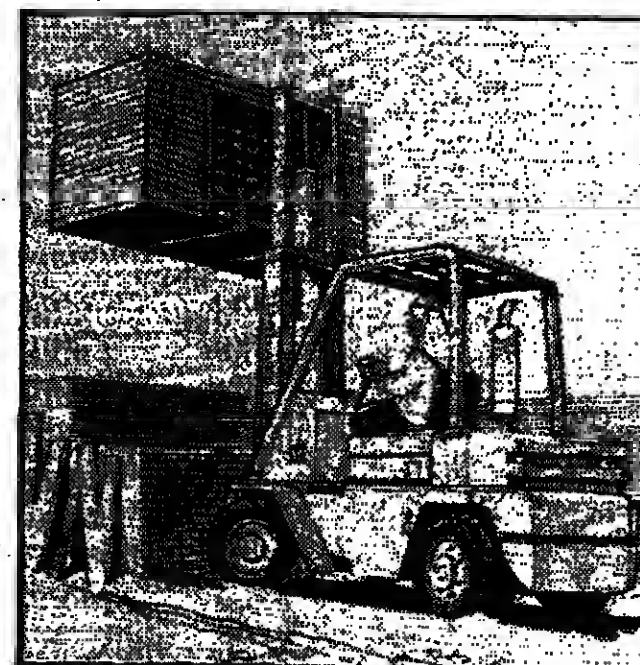
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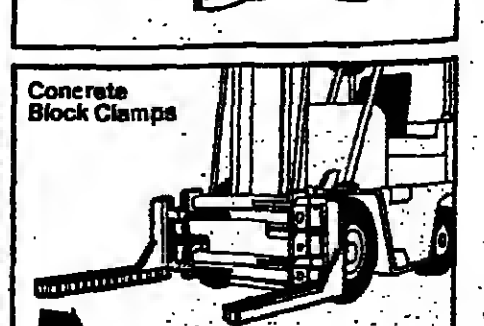
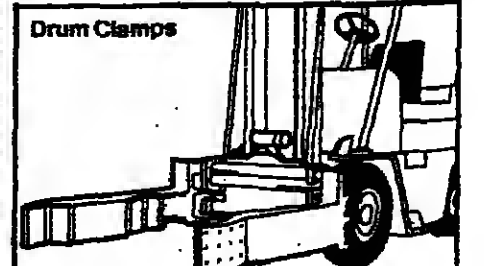
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# Schmidt satisfied with U.S. talks

## Accord reached on 'most issues'

WASHINGTON, May 23 (AP) — U.S. President Ronald Reagan bid farewell Friday to West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, saying they found agreement on most issues, including the need to negotiate for limit to nuclear arms deployment in Europe.

The two leaders met for an hour Friday in their second round of talks and Reagan then escorted his guest to a waiting limousine on the south lawn.

Just after Schmidt departed, a joint U.S.-West German statement was issued saying the two leaders agreed the modernization of theater nuclear forces was "essential for alliance security and as a basis for parallel negotiations which will lead to concrete results on limitations of theater nuclear forces."

Schmidt, in remarks before his departure, said he was "deeply satisfied" with his visit. He said he and Reagan held a "free, uninhibited exchange of views." The statement also said the two leaders were determined to respond to "Soviet expansionism" with

"firmness and to maintain a dialogue with the Soviet Union."

Reagan offered an assurance Thursday that the United States intends to pursue "meaningful negotiations" with the Soviet Union to limit nuclear arms in Europe but did not say when.

A senior American official, asked if the chancellor had urged Reagan to speed the nuclear arms talks, said no pressure had been applied. The United States has said the talks will begin before the end of the year but has set no date.

Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr. and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko are expected to devise a schedule for the talks when they meet in New York for the U.N. General Assembly this fall.

With Schmidt at his side, Reagan said: "We were in agreement on Eastern Europe, Poland, theater nuclear forces and the fact that we are going forward with our talks with the Soviet Union and the Warsaw Pact."

"The federal chancellor," the official statement said, "welcomed the U.S. decision to begin negotiations with the Soviet Union on the limitation of theater nuclear weapons within the SALT framework by the end of this year. He also welcomed the fact that the U.S. secretary of state has initiated preparatory

discussions on theater nuclear forces with the Soviet Union, looking toward an agreement to begin formal negotiations."

There was no mention of speeding up the negotiations, which would have helped Schmidt with the opposition in his own Social Democratic Party.

The joint statement made no mention of France, but contained this pledge: "The European community plays an important part in maintaining international political and economic stability. The United States will continue to support the process of European unification."

On the Middle East, the statement said: "The president and the federal chancellor agreed that the United States and the federal Republic of Germany, the latter within the framework of European political cooperation, should continue the search for a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in the Middle East. Their efforts should continue to be complementary and build upon what has been achieved so far." The last phrase appeared to be a reference to the Camp David agreements.

There was no specific mention of the situations in Lebanon or in Central America, although they were reported to have been discussed at length.

# The list of new French cabinet

PARIS, May 23 (AP) — The first government of President Francois Mitterrand, headed by Premier Pierre Mauroy, announced Friday:

Minister of state, minister of the interior and of decentralization: Gaston Defferre (Socialist).

Minister of state, minister of national solidarity: Mrs. Nicole Questiaux (Socialist).

Minister of state, minister of foreign trade: Michel Jobert (Independent).

Minister of state, minister of planning and regional development: Michel Rocard (Socialist).

Minister of state, minister of research and technology: Jean-Pierre Chevènement (Socialist).

Minister at the prime minister's office, minister of the rights of women: Mrs. Yvette Roudy (Socialist).

Minister at the prime minister's office, in charge of relations with parliament: Andre Labarre (Socialist).

Minister of justice, keeper of the seal: Maurice Faure (radical left).

Minister of foreign affairs: Claude Cheysson.

Minister of the economy and finance: Jacques Delors (Socialist).

Minister of the economy and finance, in charge of the budget: Laurent Fabius (Socialist).

Minister of national education: Alain Savary (Socialist).

Minister of agriculture: Mrs. Edith Cresso (Socialist).

Minister of industry: Pierre Joxe (Socialist).

Minister of trade and artisans: Andre Delais (Socialist).

Minister of labor: Jean Auroux (Socialist).

Minister of public equipment and transport: Louis Mermaz (Socialist).

Minister of Health: Edmond Herve (Socialist).

Minister of culture: Jack Laulh (Socialist).

Minister of leisure time: Andre Henry (Socialist).

Minister at the ministry of leisure time, in charge of youth and sports: Mrs. Edwige Avic (Socialist).

Minister of housing: Roger Quilliot (Socialist).

Minister of the environment: Michel Crepeau (radical left).

Minister of the sea (maritime affairs) Louis le Pen (Socialist).

Minister of communication: Georges Fillioud (Socialist).

Minister of posts and telecommunications: Louis Mexandeau (Socialist).

Minister of war veterans: Jean Laurain (Socialist).

Secretaries of state:

To the prime minister: Jean le Garrec (Socialist).

To the prime minister, in charge of the civil service and administrative reforms: Mrs. Catherine Lalumiere (Socialist).

To the prime minister in charge of repatriated citizens (from former North African territories): Raymond Courriere (Socialist).

To the interior minister, in charge of overseas departments and territories: Henri Emmanuelli (Socialist).

To the minister of state for national solidarity, in charge of social security: Francois Autain (Socialist).

To the minister of state for national solidarity, in charge of elderly people: Joseph Franceschi (Socialist).

To the minister of state for national solidarity, in charge of family affairs: Mrs. Georgina Dufour.

To the minister of national education, in charge of adult education: Marcel Debarge (Socialist).

To the minister of agriculture: Andre Colard (Socialist).

To the minister of industry, in charge of energy: Georges Lemoine (Socialist).

To the minister of the environment: Alain Bombard (Socialist).

To the minister of leisure time, in charge of tourism: Francois Abadie (radical left).

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To the minister of agriculture: Andre Colard (Socialist).

Minister at the ministry of foreign relations, in charge of European affairs: Andre Chandermaor (Socialist).

Minister at the foreign ministry for cooperation (foreign aid): Jan-Pierre Cot (Socialist).

Minister of defense: Charles Hernu (Socialist).

Minister of the economy and finance: Jacques Delors (Socialist).

Minister at the ministry of the economy and finance, in charge of the budget: Laurent Fabius (Socialist).

Minister of national education: Alain Savary (Socialist).

Minister of agriculture: Mrs. Edith Cresso (Socialist).

Minister of industry: Pierre Joxe (Socialist).

Minister of trade and artisans: Andre Delais (Socialist).

Minister of labor: Jean Auroux (Socialist).

Minister of public equipment and transport: Louis Mermaz (Socialist).

Minister of Health: Edmond Herve (Socialist).

Minister of culture: Jack Laulh (Socialist).

Minister of leisure time: Andre Henry (Socialist).

Minister at the ministry of leisure time, in charge of youth and sports: Mrs. Edwige Avic (Socialist).

Minister of housing: Roger Quilliot (Socialist).

Minister of the environment: Michel Crepeau (radical left).

Minister of the sea (maritime affairs) Louis le Pen (Socialist).

Minister of communication: Georges Fillioud (Socialist).

Minister of posts and telecommunications: Louis Mexandeau (Socialist).

Minister of war veterans: Jean Laurain (Socialist).

Secretaries of state:

To the prime minister: Jean le Garrec (Socialist).

To the prime minister, in charge of the civil service and administrative reforms: Mrs. Catherine Lalumiere (Socialist).

To the prime minister in charge of repatriated citizens (from former North African territories): Raymond Courriere (Socialist).

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Michel Rocard, minister of state, minister of planning and regional development.



Laurent Fabius, minister at the ministry of the economy and finance, in charge of budget.

# Profiles of four top Mitterrand aides

PARIS, May 23 (AP) — Here are brief biographical sketches of the four top cabinet ministers named Friday to run France's socialist government pending legislative elections next month:

Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson, 60, is a career diplomat who speaks several languages and has served in French embassies in Indochina, Algeria and Africa. As a commissioner of the European Economic Community, he helped the EEC develop a generous trade policy toward the Third World.

He is not a newcomer to the halls of power. During the middle 1950s, he was chief of staff to Socialist Prime Minister Pierre Mendes-France.

Cheysson's professional credentials led to his selection as a top candidate for prime minister in a new government of Valery Giscard d'Estaing, had the incumbent won. He is graduate of the prestigious National School of Administration and the equally well regarded Polytechnic Institute.

Economic and Finance Minister Jacques Delors, 56, is a professional economist specializing in financial affairs.

The son of a banker, he began work for the Bank of France at age 20 after graduating from the Institute for Advanced Banking Studies. He also became an active unionist. He left banking in 1962 to become a top civil servant in a Gaullist government com-

mittee responsible for adult education. In 1969, he became a close adviser to Jacques Chaban-Delmas prime minister under the late President Georges Pompidou and an unsuccessful candidate for president in 1974.

Delors was credited in helping shape the "new politics" policies under which Chaban-Delmas ran.

Delors joined the Socialist Party in 1974 soon after his mentor's defeat and quickly became a valued adviser to Francois Mitterrand.

Defense Minister Charles Hernu, 57, is a journalist by profession and the party's defense specialist. He began his political career early, becoming the country's youngest member of the National Assembly at age 33 in 1956. He too was a close ally of Mendes-France and formed part of Mitterrand's opposition shadow cabinet in 1966-68.

In 1971, at the founding of the new Socialist Party, Hernu became a director of the party's central committee. He was given responsibility for socialist defense policy in October 1979. He has been mayor of the town of Villeurbanne, a suburb of Lyon, since 1977.

Hernu, author of several books on defense policy and the French left, may slow some of the ambitious military programs, begun by Charles de Gaulle and continued under

Pompidou and Giscard d'Estaing.

Interior Minister Gaston Defferre, 70, has been mayor of the port city of Marseilles for 28 years. A lawyer like Mitterrand, Defferre began his political career in 1946 and held a succession of cabinet and sub-cabinet level posts in various post-war governments. He is one of the French left's most durable figures.

In 1965 he tried to promote himself as a candidate against De Gaulle, but stepped aside when Mitterrand appeared the stronger choice and the left agreed to back only one man. He did run against Pompidou in 1969, but picked up only five percent of the vote as the candidate of the then-small Socialist Party.

Valued for his administrative experience, he has been president of the Socialist caucus in the National Assembly. He is considered a moderate and has been an outspoken critic of the French Communist Party.

## Pope declared out of danger

ROME, May 23 (AP) — Doctors declared Pope John Paul II out of danger Sunday, 10 days after the attempt on his life, and said he should be out of the hospital within 60 days. In their daily bulletin, the attending physicians said the Pope's temperature was normal for the first time since he was shot in the abdomen by a would-be assassin.

The doctors said that another bulletin would not be given until next Thursday, a further sign of the 61-year-old Pope's recovery.

The Polish-born Pope already walked in the hospital corridor Friday after doctors removed the last 14 stitches from the gunshot wounds in his abdomen and back. Italian President Sandro Pertini, who paid a visit to the Pope, said he found the Pope in "great shape."

Officials said the Pope may make a live broadcast via Vatican radio hookup from his hospital room Sunday.

Meanwhile, a tired and frustrated investigator said after more than a week of questioning Mehmet Ali Agca, the man accused of shooting the Pope said "the further we go on the more mysterious he gets."

Police still don't know whether Agca acted alone or whether someone paid him to kill the Pope. And they still don't know where he got the money to travel first-class through Europe and North Africa since his escape from a Turkish jail in November 1979.

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## Consumer prices up marginally in U.S.

WASHINGTON, May 23 (R) — U.S. consumer prices rose at an annual rate of only 5.1 percent in April, the lowest increase since last July, the Labor Department has said.

Declining petrol prices and stable food costs helped to hold the overall increase to only 0.4 percent in April, it said Friday.

The U.S. has made steady progress in controlling inflation over the past few months, largely because food prices have been relatively stable. Inflation fell from an annual rate of 7.5 percent in March partly due to petrol prices dropping by 1.4 percent in April. Earlier this year, petrol became dearer after President Reagan ended controls over domestic crude petroleum prices.

Not all of the inflation news was encouraging. Housing costs, pushed up by rising mortgage interest rates, grew 0.7 percent in April, while medical costs rose by 0.9 percent.

In an accompanying report, the Labor Department said the real value of take-home pay of a city dweller with a wife and two children declined 0.1 percent in April.

Overall food prices remained steady in April after gaining only slightly in the previous two months.

The report said the unadjusted consumer price index rose to 266.8 in April, which

means that goods and services that cost \$10 in 1976 would have cost \$26.68 last month. The Reagan administration is predicting an 11.1 percent rate for this year, but many economists say overall inflation for the year may be lower than that.

Meanwhile, as the economy shows signs of improvement, President Reagan is coming under increasing pressure from Congress to modify his sweeping tax cut proposals. Treasury and White House officials have been discussing with Congressmen how to ensure their swift assent to the president's plan.

Publicly, Reagan is sticking to his call for a 10 percent income tax cut in each of the next three years. Privately his aides are trying to work out a new plan he could accept. Acceptance of some compromise appears probable now that the economy is looking stronger. Democrats and other critics of the Reagan proposal argue that the big tax cuts over three years would fuel inflation.

Cuts in taxes and in government spending on social programs are focal points of the president's economic recovery strategy. Half his battle has been won. Congress last Thursday approved a \$695.4 billion budget for the 1982 financial year.

### Wall Street

## Marts cool to signs of receding recession

NEW YORK, May 23 (AP) — Signs of a marked improvement in the United States' inflation outlook have begun to accumulate in recent weeks, but so far Wall Street seems unimpressed.

The latest bit of evidence came Friday, when the U.S. government reported that the consumer price index rose just 0.4 percent in April, for its smallest increase in nine months. In March, the index rose 0.7 percent. Should similar figures continue to come in the months ahead, the United States would have a good shot at its first year of single-digit inflation since 1978.

Many economists in the financial community think it will happen. For instance, Schroder Capital Management Inc. is projecting a rate of about 8 percent for the year. "We expect the current softness in the world oil markets to last throughout this year before the markets gradually lighten in 1982," Audrey H. Zaffuto, the firm's economist, wrote recently.

"We also expect monetary policy to remain tight and short-term interest rates to remain at relatively high levels. Thus, price increases in debt-intensive industries (such as housing and commodities) will be limited." The gold and currency markets seem to reflect some similar expectation. The price of gold hovered around \$470 an ounce late last week, after being above \$700 as recently as last September.

The dollar meanwhile, has been conspicuously strong against most leading foreign currencies. But the stock and bond markets have shown little response. Bond prices, which are highly sensitive most of the time to shifts in inflationary expectations, have been struggling to rally from record lows.

Since early this year, the stock market has not been able to establish any clear trend. In the past week, the Jones average of 30 industrial fell 14.23 to 971.72.

The New York stock exchange composite index lost .18 to 76.26, but the American stock exchange market value index gained 2.63 to a record high on 373.53. Big board volume averaged 42.93 million shares a day, against 41.78 million the week before.

The wariness of stock and bond traders has been ascribed partly to skepticism, born of long experience, about the government's willingness to stick with a consistent anti-inflationary policy. On top of that, there is the question mark overhanging President Ronald Reagan's proposed tax cuts and their implications for inflation.

The Reagan administration's "supply side" argument is that the reductions will stimulate savings and investment, productivity and thereby reducing inflationary pressures.

"But people may not respond that way," contends Heint H. Biel, an analyst at Janney Montgomery Scott Inc. "Tax-bracket creep

## World Bank lends \$70m to Turkey

WASHINGTON, May 23 (R) — The World Bank has said it has approved a \$70 million loan to Turkey for projects designed to increase the productivity of three state enterprises producing sugar, iron and steel, and copper.

It said in a statement the loan to Turkey's state investment bank and guaranteed by the Turkish government would help pay for completion of high-priority modernization projects which had been delayed by a shortage of foreign exchange.

The projects would permit the Turkish Sugar Factories Corporation to expand its Ankara and Samsun plants and finish a new plant at Iğın, the bank said.

In addition, new machinery would be installed at the Karabuk Iron and Steel Works to modernize its methods of handling raw materials and the black sea copper corporation's mining and concentration complex at Murgul would be modernized. The loan is for 15 years.

Meanwhile, the International Development Association (IDA) announced Friday a credit to India equivalent to \$125 million for the construction of godowns (storage and office facilities) and cold storage units in nine states.

### Arms purchase deposits

## U.S. to net \$670m interest

WASHINGTON, May 23 (AP) — Money deposited in the U.S. treasury by other governments buying arms will save the American taxpayer \$670 million this year, a Pentagon spokesman has said.

Herbert Morris, comptroller of the defense security assistance agency, defended its finances under sharp questioning by Congressmen.

Arms purchasers, he said, now have \$4.8 billion in what is called the "foreign military sales trust fund account." He said that the U.S. government uses this money and would otherwise have to borrow that amount, paying current interest rates of some 14 percent a year.

"Perhaps one of the most obvious but nevertheless overlooked benefits of FMS," he said, "is the fact that the U.S. treasury has for years had the temporary use of billions of dollars of foreign cash deposited in the U.S. treasury."

A spokesman for his agency said later that the top five owners of the money, as of April 30, were: Iran \$459 million, Saudi Arabia

\$398 million, Egypt \$270 million, Japan \$355 million, Australia \$326 million.

Morris was testifying before the Subcommittee on Defense of the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee. Chairman Joseph P. Addabbo criticized the agency as "losing billions." "This is not the place to subsidize foreign governments," he said. "That's for the aid people."

Other members and representatives of the general accounting office were also critical, suggesting that hundreds of millions of dollars owed by other governments for American arms remain uncollected.

Morris said: "since 1976 the GAO has issued more than 30 reports that allege over \$1 billion in unrecovered costs. Our review of these reports indicates that they were often repetitive and contained many findings that apply to conditions that existed prior to 1976." James Saylor, the Pentagon's director of accounting policy, said the GAO counted some of the missing money three times. David Lowe, representing the GAO, denied it.

## Iran denies selling oil at discount

TEHRAN, May 23 (R) — Acting Oil Minister Seyyed Hassan Sadat has said Iran has not sold oil at a discount and denied supplying crude to Israel and South Africa.

"Those who are hostile to Iran... say we sell oil to Israel and South Africa; and offer big discounts up to \$9 a barrel," he said Friday, without specifying the source of what he called baseless rumors.

"I strongly deny this," he added. The two countries were major purchasers of Iranian crude under the rule of the deposed Shah, but have been black-listed by the revolutionary government.

Sadat was speaking in a state radio interview before setting off for the forthcoming meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) in Geneva.

He also said Iran would try during the two-day meeting to raise the question of its oil minister, Javad Tongdugyan, who was taken prisoner by Iraqi troops Oct. 31. Iran is planning to almost double its oil exports to 2.5 million barrels per day to avert a massive budget deficit. It charges \$37 per barrel for its oil, relatively expensive compared with other producers in the region.

## Accord reached on credit issue at jute talks

GENEVA, May 23 (AP) — Jute importing and exporting states have reached informal agreement on future trade development credits from the future common fund for commodities, sources from the 50-nation jute talks have said.

The compromise settled the major stumbling block between the consumers and the producers on whether such credits should be allowed to go to individual producer states, or whether all of them should enjoy equal benefit.

Led by India, the world's second-largest jute producer, the exporters insisted that "country-specific" projects should be entitled to loans from the future common fund's second account.

The importing states, afraid to set a precedent for possible future development of commodity processing industries in the Third World from international funds mainly provided by industrial countries, objected on the grounds that development credits should not favor one single country.

The two sides compromised on a formula whereby country-specific projects would be entitled to common fund credits only if the receiver state provides the required financial guarantees.

## U.S. vows to keep dollar strong

BRUSSELS, May 23 (R) — The United States is determined to keep the dollar strong and hopes this will come to be based on a strong economy rather than on high interest rates, U.S. Special Trade Representative Bill Brock has said today.

He told an international meeting of Liberal Party politicians that high interest rates were necessary to reduce inflation, but the dollar's strength should come to be based on a strengthening U.S. economy over the next two or three years.

## BRIEFS

JAKARTA, (AFP) — Indonesian production of liquefied natural gas (LNG) will increase by 3,300,000 tons a year in 1983 after completion of two production units in the Arun complex, in the province of Aceh, it was learned here the Arun plant, which went into operation in 1977, now produces 4,500,000 tons of LNG per year at its three units.

PARIS, (AFP) — The French treasury has just given the Japanese group Akai the go-ahead for the installation of a factory for the production of hi-fi equipment at Honfleur, northern France, government sources said. Sources at the group's French subsidiary said that production at first will be 100,000 units a year and will begin in March 1982.

GEORGETOWN, (AFP) — The West Indian island of Grenada might leave the International Monetary Fund (IMF) unless its request for a \$19 million-dollar loan is granted. Officials here have said that Finance Minister Bernard Coard is discussing details with IMF officials. Grenada has been involved in controversy over requests for international funds to finance an airport as the U.S. fears the installation could be used by Cuban troops.

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands, (AP) — City transport drivers and conductors have announced they will allow all passengers to ride trams, buses, and underground trains at no charge for one month in an effort to obtain salary increases from municipal authorities. The protest, effective Monday, was called to win an agreement that would put the drivers and conductors on the same salary scale as other municipal personnel.

LONDON, (AP) — The Indonesian Airways has just ordered four British Hawk attack aircraft, British Aerospace has said.

### SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT TENDERS

Authority	Description	Tender No.	Price SR	Closing Date
Directorate of Education in the Eastern Region	Supply of stationery; Printed materials	5	100	20-6-81
		6	100	22-6-81
Municipality of Buraidah	Asphalting, pavement and lighting of the city's entrances	—	3000	20-6-81
Municipality of Taif	Operation, maintenance and repair of the lighting network in Taif	—	5000	6-7-81
" " "	Construction of a building to be the municipality headquarter	—	15000	5-7-81
Ministry of PTT, Saudi Telephone	Supply of insulating rubber gloves, glove protectors, and leather protective gloves	310110	100	8-6-81

### PORTS AUTHORITY

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#### SHIPS MOVEMENTS UPTO 0700 HOURS ON 23RD MAY 1981/19TH RAJAB 1401

Berth	Name of Vessel	Agent	Type of Cargo	Arrival Date
5.	Hellenic Sea	Alpha	Gen/Rice	22.5.81
8.	Trinculo	S.C.S.A.	Bagged Barley	19.5.81
12.	Dalia 1	Rolaco	Iron Bars	22.5.81
18.	Medement Carrier	Rolaco	Bulk Cement	18.5.81
19.	Grena	Alsabah	Bulk Cement	19.5.81
20.	Link Harmony	Alsada	Bagged Barley	17.5.81
21.	Takism 2	Basmoadah	Bagged Barley	21.5.81
28.	Meltem Universal	Star	Reefer	21.5.81
29.	Atlantic Freezer	O.C.E.	Reefer	21.5.81
31.	Barber Menestheus	Barber	Contry/Gen/Pipes	22.5.81
35.	Ming Hope	Mimco	Containers	22.5.81
36.	Kowloon Bay	Samsco	Containers	22.5.81
39.	Hakuyo Maru	O.C.E.	Reefer	17.5.81
Ro Ro	Merzario Gallia	A.E.T.	Ro Ro units	22.5.81
Ro Ro	Jolly Oro	Abdallah	Ro Ro Units	22.5.81
Ro Ro	Cap Iltat	S.F.T.C.	Ro Ro Units	22.5.81
2. RECENT ARRIVALS:				
	Ming Hope	Mimco	Containers	22.5.81
	Cape Tiltat	S.F.T.C.	Ro Ro Units	22.5.81
	TFL Prosperity	Alireza	Vehicles	22.5.81
	Jolly Oro	Abdallah	Ro Ro Units	22.5.81
	Kowloon Bay	SAMSC	Containers	22.5.81
	Barber Menestheus	Barber	Contry/Gen/Pipes	22.5.81
	Long Beach	Rezyat	Containers	22.5.81
	Polar Ace	A.E.T.	Vehicles	22.5.81
	Dalia 1	Rolaco	Iron Bars	22.5.81
	Merzario Gallia	A.E.T.	Contry/Ro Ro Units	22.5.81
	Shahinaz	Fayez	General	22.5.81
	Hellenic Sea	Alpha	General/Rice	22.5.81
	khudzhnik Pakhomov	A.E.T.	Containers	22.5.81
3. VESSELS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE WITHIN THE NEXT 24 HOURS:				
	Colombo River	S.C.S.A.	General	23.5.81
	Pollford	Atar	Contry-Gen/Load Mty	"
	blue Maru	Basmoadah	Bagged Durra	"
	Hermes Ace	Alireza	Containers	"
	Lucia Del Mar	Redsea	Containers/Load Mty	"

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#### SHIPS MOVEMENTS UPTO 0700 HOURS OF 19.7.1401/23.5.1981 CHANGES PAST 48 HOURS:

2.	Sunny Trader	Saito	Bagged Cement	10.5.81
3.	Mesivier 2	Alsada	Gen/Cement	20.5.81
4.	Asia No. 11	SMC	Gen/Steel Plywood	19.5.81
5.	Concordia Sun	Alsabah	Gen/Conis	22.5.81
10.	Takis Exakos	Gosabli	Loading	21.5.81
12.	Ydra	U.E.P.	Bagged Sugar	19.5.81
14.	Gui Jiang	Omri	General	22.5.81
18.	Oriental Forest	Kanoo	General	22.5.81
20.	Lawsona	Gosabli	Bagged Cement	22.5.81
28.	Tarago	Barber	Gen/Conis	22.5.81
29.	Thi Tung	S.E.A.	General	21.5.81
30.	Caroline	Alsada	Steel	21.5.81
31.	Pasewalk	U.E.P.	Conis-Ge.	21.5.81
34.	Dyvi Pacific	Alireza	Cars	22.5.81
36.	Trom Helwig (D.B.)	Alsabah	Bulk Cement	10.5.81
37.	Pacific Importer (D.B.)	A.E.T.	Bulk Cement	10.5.81
38.	Sarge Uni Cement	Globe	Cement Silo Vessel	10.11.81

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**ARABIAN HOMES**



GENEVA, May 23 (R) — The Indonesian Minister, Dr. Subroto, has said he believed OPEC oil ministers would agree to a price freeze after six months.

Dr. Subroto, current chairman of OPEC, is meeting here Monday to discuss oil prices and market strategy, told reporters by his country would favor an official OPEC price of \$36 a barrel and he believed a price freeze would be the view of a majority of the 13 OPEC members.

Asked how long he thought such a freeze would last, Dr. Subroto said the normal thing would be to review it at the next OPEC conference in November or December.

Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani, said in Berlin yesterday he would call for an oil price freeze at the conference until the end of the year and added prices could possibly be frozen next year as well.

Saudi Arabia, the world's largest oil exporter, at present charges \$32 a barrel on most of its output. Other OPEC members' prices range up to \$40 to \$41 a barrel charged by African countries for high quality oil.

Influenced by a 159 percent price increase in early 1979, Western oil consumption slumped, and the world over-supply situation was emphasized this week as Nigeria production to 1.6 million barrels a day or percent down on the January level. Qatar

also had to forego a premium demand from Japanese clients, and two weeks ago Kuwait had to back down on demands for payments from the Gulf, Shell and BP oil companies.

But though a majority of members are believed to favor a freeze, African countries, which already charge the top prices, consider inflation should be taken into account. "A price freeze would be unrealistic", Algerian Oil Minister Belkacem Nabi said.

Since last December's OPEC conference in Bali, Indonesia, OPEC has had three price levels. At the same time unification of prices has been a theme of OPEC conferences for the past two years, and will be on the agenda this time.

Some Western overseas believe "moderate" Saudi Arabia could go for a staged increase from \$32 to \$36 in return for a freeze by the "radicals."

While heavily populated countries such as Nigeria, Indonesia and Algeria are having difficulty moving their oil, the Saudi Arabians are selling at their normal rate. Iran and Iraq, meanwhile, are still involved in the Gulf war, and want to increase production to finance their military budget. Tehran said last week it wanted to double its production to 2.5 million barrels a day. Beyond short-term price considerations, OPEC will also want to work out

a policy to counter the decline in world influence as its share of the world's energy resources falls toward the end of the century.

In Libreville, meanwhile, officials of some OPEC countries said a freeze on crude oil prices will "almost certainly" be decided by oil producers at their upcoming Geneva conference.

They were speaking in the wake of the semi-annual meetings of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) interim committee and the IMF and World Bank development committee, where the energy problem figured among the key issues. In its final communiqué issued here Friday night, the development committee acknowledged that the world energy situation "poses a serious problem of adjustment for producers and consumers" and emphasized the need to reduce the dependence of developing countries on imported oil.

The panel, which groups rich and poor countries, cited the growing current deficit of oil-importing developing countries and urged support for the World Bank's moves to expand lending in the energy sector. The communiqué also called on members to consider ways of mobilizing additional funds for energy development "both through existing mechanisms and through a possible new affiliate or facility" of the bank.

Commodity markets

Metal prices slump in dull trading

LONDON, May 23 (AFP) — The general price trend continued this week on the commodity but not before some fairly sharp fluctuations, induced by currency movements.

The further increase in U.S. interest rates, reduction in Britain's industrial output in 1980, plus prospects of drastic defense cuts in the next decade in Britain, depressed demand.

The forthcoming long week-end in Britain the United States also slowed trading. Copper touched near four-month low as sellers were again priced in weak French markets by African countries. Coffee was at a month low. Metals were again mostly flat, with lead and fluctuating quite sharp as it fell to its lowest mark for over a month.

Gold: Quiet and easier. There were no signs of last week's sharp movements, with prices declining gradually in extremely dull trading to their lowest since April in line with New York. The price of the U.S. dollar also reflected.

About steady. Indication from the tin council's buffer stock was continuing to buy metal in support of prices was sufficient to hold the London market steady. It is estimated that he put about 1,200 tons in Penang seven days. Meanwhile, London market stocks rose to 7,580 tons, the highest since June 1979.

Lead: Irregular. Demand from Eastern Europe was reported, with the Soviet Union to have bought 8,000 tons recently.

European consumer buying was also evident. But after early activity, interest died away as talks started to settle the seven-week-long strike at FTJ Joe's (United States).

Zinc: Active heavy trading continued, reflecting producer-taking (mostly from the United States) but with influential buying at the lower levels.

Silver: Barely steady. Easier with gold and on early rise in sterling. Thereafter struggled.

Aluminum: Barely steady. There was a further sharp rise in stocks (up 1,780 tons to 52,025 tons), which upset early trading. Later, the market rallied on news from Alcoa that it had reduced output at two of its U.S. smelters.

Cotton: Quietly steady. Interest was limited during the first part of the week in Liverpool, with no business at all reported on Wednesday. But rather more demand developed before the week-end, mostly for African styles.

West finds China policy unchanged

PEKING, May 23, (R) — Chase Manhattan Bank Chairman David Rockefeller said Saturday China's severe economic outbursts did not represent a change of policy and that Peking remained committed to an open-door policy with the West.

Rockefeller was speaking as North American Chairman of the Trilateral Commission, an influential group of industrialists, politicians and scholars from industrialized nations who have held three days of talks with Chinese leaders. Rockefeller told journalists the cuts did "not mean a change of policy, but just a slowing down of pace." Expansion of trade remained China's unchanged intention, he added.

China did not intend to allow its foreign trade deficit to exceed 15 percent of its exports, a very cautious policy, he said. Georges Berthoin, former chief representative of the European Common Market in Britain, said China was following a "firm and stable strategy" and would meet all commitments.

China caused widespread consternation when it announced in January that it wished to suspend or cancel \$1.5 billion worth of contracts for heavy industrial equipment it had ordered mainly from Japan. Members of the Trilateral Commission declined to disclose details of their talks with Chinese leaders. Saturday, they met Communist Party Vice-Chairman Deng Xiaoping.

Week: Firm. Bradford wool-top prices rose to their highest since the peaks were established in March 1973 because of sterling's weakness and the scarcity of good-quality supplies. Quotations were being made only against specific orders, with premiums demanded for higher grades.

Sugar: Firmer. Later gains followed strong rumors that Venezuela had made heavy purchases from Brazil. Earlier prices had fluctuated close to the recent 16-month lows.

Test: Firmer. Strong demand developed at this week's London auction, but Assams were little changed, although Sylhets and Africans were dearer. Brighter medium Sri Lankans were dearer too.

Coffee: Irregular. Early losses accrued, with prices falling to their lowest since November following large sales from Brazil. But a steady recovery developed on reports of cold temperatures in Brazil.

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Foreign Exchange Rates			
Quoted at 5:00 P.M. Saturday			
	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	—	8.80	8.99
Belgian Franc (1,000)	90.00	100.00	—
Canadian Dollar	2.81	3.25	—
Deutsche Mark (100)	148.00	147.90	147.20
Dutch Guilder (100)	132.00	135.00	131.75
Egyptian Pound	—	4.04	4.26
Emirate Dirham (100)	—	92.10	92.15
French Franc (100)	61.00	61.40	61.00
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	66.00	61.85
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	40.10
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—	—
Israeli Dinar	—	8.00	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	30.00	30.20	29.90
Japanese Yen (1,000)	15.30	—	15.35
Jordanian Dinar	—	10.20	10.14
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.23	12.17
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	82.15	80.75
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	69.00	65.15
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	34.10
Philippine Peso (100)	—	—	43.70
Pound Sterling	7.04	7.10	7.30
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	92.90	93.00
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	—	165.50
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	—	37.15
Swiss Franc (100)	165.00	166.00	164.75
Syrian Lira (100)	—	51.50	53.10
Turkish Lira (1,000)	—	—	—
U.S. Dollar	3.38	3.3890	3.3820
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	74.00	73.65

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U.K. inflation drops, price index rises

LONDON, May 23 (AP) — Britain's traditional measure of annual inflation dropped slightly in April, but higher taxes pushed the cost of living sharply higher, the government has said.

The retail price index, a measure of the cost of goods and services, dropped six-tenths of a percent in April to 12 percent, from 12.6 percent in March. But when the inflation rate was adjusted for taxes, the actual cost of living rose to 1.7 percent in April, from an annual rate of 13.4 percent a month earlier.

The retail price index dropped in April to its lowest point since June 1979, a month after Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher took office and instituted strict monetarist policies. But the tax and price index, introduced by Mrs. Thatcher's Conservative government to incorporate direct tax changes as well as prices as the best guide to total household costs, was well up on March when it was quoted as 13.4 percent.

Immediately after taking office, Mrs. Thatcher almost doubled value added tax, or VAT, a direct sales tax, from 8 to 15 percent. In an austere economic budget March 9, the government increased taxes on cigarettes, liquor and gasoline up to 20 percent.

Figures published by the department of employment showed that prices rose by 2.9 percent in April. But government sources stressed that April traditionally sees heavy price increases and said these would decline in the coming months pushing inflation further down.

Inflation soared to a peak of 21 percent at the end of Mrs. Thatcher's first year. It has tumbled sharply in recent months as she set about introducing her controversial tight money policies and Britain struggled through its worst recession since the 1930s.

Mrs. Thatcher's critics, in particular the opposition Labor Party, say she has become obsessed with curbing inflation when the economy instead should be refocused with more public spending and aid for industry to offset unemployment.

Prime rate raised to 20 1/2%

NEW YORK, May 23 (AP) — Four of the United States' largest banks raised their prime lending rates Friday to 20.5 percent from 20 percent, reflecting banks' high costs of borrowing money.

The increase came a day after the interest rate on federal funds, which banks charge each other for overnight loans, opened at 20 percent Friday, after hovering between 17.5 percent and 18.5 percent in recent weeks, and was quoted at 19.5 percent Friday afternoon.

The new prime matched the 1981 high of 20.5 percent, set Jan. 2 before the rate began a downward march from last December's all-time high of 21.5 percent.

Financial Roundup  
Riyal rates maintain strength

JEDDAH, May 23 — Local dealers described activity over Saturday as "very quiet" with few institutions willing to take risks in moving significantly one way or another against the dollar. This note of caution came about due to the release of the American money supply figures which showed a fall in M-1b of \$2.2 billion for the week ending May 23. Despite a fall in the "Fed Funds" rate to 17 1/2 percent and easing of short-term dollar deposit rates, the financial markets discounted the money supply figures by opting to push prime rates further up. Chase Manhattan raised its prime rate to 20 1/2 percent from 20 percent and other banks are expected to follow suit.

Locally, riyal deposit rates remained stable at Thursday closing levels, but some business was done with Bahrain-based OBU's — offshore banking units. The dollar continued to remain firm against all other currencies in New York, most noticeably against the French franc which fell to 5.58 at one stage. The Bahrain markets were quoting the French franc wide at 5.5710 — 5.5830. The general feeling is that the wide-ranging exchange control package presented by French Socialist Premier Pierre Mauroy has not had the anticipated market impact. The German mark again slipped below the 2,300 level and the Bundesbank "fixed" the German currency at 2,3160 Friday. The mark, however, recovered slightly to 2,340 levels in New York after the money supply release figures. In other currency news, the British pound was quoted at 2.0785 at New York close and Bahraini dealers were also quoting it at that level Saturday. The latest economic releases showed that U.K. retail price index rose 2.9 percent in April, taking the year-on-year average rate to just over 12 percent. The yen dropped against the dollar to 223.80 at one stage in Tokyo before heavy buying brought it back to a range of 222.50.

On the interest rate front, the dollar deposits eased in most tenors by as much as 1-1 1/2 percent. The three-month Eurodollar deposit level has now reached 19 1/16 — 19 3/16 percent after having topped the 20 1/2 percent level Thursday. The fall in dollar interest rates has affected the local Riyal market. One-month JIBOR levels have remained steady at 16 3/8 — 16 1/2 percent, but there were few dealers willing to commit themselves on either side in any meaningful volumes. One dealer described the levels of activity Saturday as "shadow-boxing." Some deals were done, but again mostly on the short tenors with commercial banks waiting to see how the markets would fare in the United States Tuesday after New York's closure Monday. On the local exchanges, the Riyal spot rate against the dollar hardly moved from opening levels of 3,7810 — 20 with again a few inter-bank deals being carried out. Some banks reported, however, some fairly moderate commercial dollar rates to importers especially in the mark and French franc as local merchants took advantage of the fall in these currencies against the dollar.

Economic outlook 'sluggish', IMF says

LIBREVILLE, May 23 (AFP) — The world economic shows a "somewhat sluggish picture", but a "modest" recovery is expected in 1982, the managing director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), Jacques de Larosiere, has said.

He told a news conference here Friday that "one of the major characteristics of the situation was that real growth in industrial countries could pick up a little to around 2.5 percent in 1982 after being about one to 1.5 percent this year.

The average growth rate of developing countries would remain at roughly the same level, at a projected 4.5 percent this year against five percent in 1980. De Larosiere gave no 1982 estimate for these countries.

Observers note that the IMF chief described the general outlook as "grim" in a speech at San Francisco barely three weeks ago. Participants in the IMF and World Bank talks here have said that the United States and Britain had privately criticized the language used by the IMF staff as conveying an unduly pessimistic picture of the prospects.

At a joint news conference with the chairman of the IMF interim committee, Canada's Deputy Premier and Finance Minister Allan Rock, de Larosiere early cited these forecasts:

Balance of payments: Oil producing countries are expected to register an overall current account surplus of \$100,000 million this year, slightly down from \$112,000 million in 1980. A further slight decline to \$90,000 million is forecast by IMF economists for next year.

Industrial countries, which recorded a deficit of about \$50,000 million in 1980, could experience "quite a sharp fall" in their overall deficit this year. The deficit of oil-importing developing countries would "perhaps" rise to about \$100,000 million this year from \$80,000 million in 1980.

Inflation: The IMF chief foresaw a "modest" improvement in inflation rates over the two-year period up to the end of 1982.

The average rate for industrial countries in terms of the gross domestic product deflator (an indicator which is generally one or two percentage points below the consumer price index) was expected to come down from 8.5 percent to 7.5 percent.

For non-oil developing countries, the average 1980 inflation rate was around 33 percent in terms of consumer prices, while that of oil producers came out at about 5 percent, according to IMF estimates.

Earlier Friday, financial leaders ended a week of talks here with a deep split between the Third World and the West over whether the industrial countries should stick to their stern anti-inflation policies which are squeezing credit and holding down consumption.



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In National League

# Dusty Baker leads Dodgers past Reds

NEW YORK, May 23 (AP) — Dusty Baker's two-run single in the 12th inning broke a 2-2 tie and gave the Los Angeles Dodgers a 4-2 victory over the Cincinnati Reds Friday night.

With Doug Bair pitching, Derrel Thomas walked; leading off the Dodger 12th. Rick Monday, attempting a sacrifice, beat Bair's throw to first and was credited with a single. Bill Russell sacrificed and Ken Landrum was intentionally walked before Baker's tie-breaking single.

Baker hit his third home run of the season in the first inning off Reds starter Mike Laocore to start the scoring. Successive singles by Steve Garvey, Ron Cey and Pedro Guerrero then gave the Dodgers a 2-0 lead.

Los Angeles' Jerry Reiss held Cincinnati scoreless until the seventh, when the Reds scored on Dave Collins' RBI single. They tied the game in the eighth on Ray Knight's run-scoring double. They tied the game in the eighth on Ray Knight's run-scoring double.

In other National League action, Charlie Lea allowed only four hits while pitching seven shutout innings and Chris Speier doubled in three runs as the Montreal Expos defeated the Chicago Cubs 6-3. Mike Easter rapped a triple and a tie-breaking single and rookie Pascual Perez earned his first major league as the Pittsburgh Pirates defeated the Philadelphia Phillies 3-1.

The San Diego Padres handed the Atlanta Braves their fifth straight setback 5-2. While the New York Mets beat the St. Louis Cardinals 9-3.

In the American League, Ken Singleton drove in a pair of runs with a homer and a single as the Baltimore Orioles defeated the Detroit Tigers 4-2. Dwight Evans drove in three runs with a two-run homer and a single and Jim Rice lined a two-run homer, leading Boston to a 7-3 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers as the Red Sox ran their winning streak to five games.

John Castino knocked in three runs with a home run and a sacrifice fly and Jerry Koosman scattered six hits to lead Minnesota to a 7-0 victory over the Kansas City Royals in Bill Flardner's debut as the Twins Manager.

Bo Diaz collected three RBI and broke a 3-3 tie in the fifth inning with a bases-loaded sacrifice fly in helping Bert Myervento to his sixth straight complete-game victory, as the Cleveland Indians defeated the New York Yankees 7-3.

In a late National League night game, Darrell Evans delivered a tie-breaking two-run single with two out in the 15th inning, pacing the San Francisco Giants to a 6-3 victory over the Houston Astros.

In late American League action the Oakland A's beat the Toronto Blue Jays 6-2. The victory snapped the Oakland's eight-game losing streak. Buddy Bell belted two homers and drove in four runs and Danny Darwin pitched a four-hitter as the Texas Rangers defeated the Seattle Mariners 6-2.

Greg Luzinski knocked in four runs with two homers and Mike Squires twice drove in Ron Leflore with singles to lead the Chicago White Sox to a 9-5 victory over the California Angels.



WATCHING: Bjorn Nordwall, Phillips Erricson (dark shorts), watches Alan Fazzakerley (Bin Laden) move in to return a backhand down the side-wall, during Sunday's squash action. Nordwall won 3-2.

# Hochtief inching toward squash title

By Laurie Thomas

JEDDAH, May 23 — Hochtief inched closer to the Jeddah Squash League title when they downed Grey Mackenzie 4-1, Sunday, while the other contender, BTC managed only a 3-2 win against third from bottom, Andalus Village.

Although a single point difference seems small, it appears likely that the title will be decided on exactly this kind of situation, and everything may well depend on the final weeks play when the two meet each other.

In other Division "A" matches, Bedouins beat Riofinex 4-1 to send the latter almost certainly into the "B" Division next season while Streeters had a bye.

The points situation now sees Hochtief heading the table with 67 points, closely followed by BTC on 62. Next week, Hochtief have a bye, which will put them and BTC on equal number of games and give a clearer

idea of how the two stand. BTC are scheduled to play Bedouins, but they will probably be playing with weakened team if their No. two and four players leave as planned.

Armaska continue to head the "B" Division, and increased their lead when they beat second placed Samba by 3-2. Samba gave Armaska a good run for their money, though. With the teams at 1-1, Rolfe Holme beat Nassim Hussein to put Armaska 2-1 ahead, but Dominic Keenaghan lost his first game of the season, to Dave Smith, and Samba were back in the match.

Armaska's Lars Fredricson then played a skippers role by downing Phillippe Goffin, 3-1, to give Armaska the match. This now puts Armaska on 80 points, fourteen ahead of Samba, on 66.

Springbok may have ruined their chances of promotion when they lost 3-2 to Hochtief. Lost may not be quite the right word in this situation. Two Springbok players couldn't

find the Hochtief court and so had to forfeit their games. This not only lost them the match, but an extra valuable point for not turning out a full team.

Halcrow continued their winning ways with a 3-2 victory over Saudia while Arabian Homes downed Sogex 3-2. Sogex are sure of demotion, but the teams in the next four positions up have moved even closer together and are now separated by only two points.

The two leaders in the "C" Division clashed in a thriller that saw Bin Laden Org. win 3-2 against Phillips Erricson. Three of the five matches went to five games, and in the No. 3's match, Bin Laden's Don Walker edged Jim Barclay only 9-8 in the final game. This was a bitter disappointment for Barclay, who had pulled back from two games and 8-1 down.

In other matches, W.S. Ty pulled off an unexpected victory over STTB, but the latter were without their No. one and two players, and Laing Wimpey beat Zahid "A" 3-2.

# Clive Rice falls four short of century

LONDON, May 23 (AFP) — Chris Balderstone, Leicestershire's 40-year-old opener, won his second "gold award" this season and it was enough to earn him a place in the quarterfinals: knock-out stages of the Benson and Hedges Cup cricket tourney for the first time in five years.

Leicestershire, twice winners of the Cup, crushed Worcestershire by 48 runs, the springboard of their success coming from Balderstone's 87. He helped them to 238 for seven — a total Worcestershire were seldom likely to match.

Only 25 overs remained Friday when Leicestershire resumed and Brian Davison gave the innings impetus with three sixes while young Gordon Parsons wrapped up the match with four for 33.

Balderstone won his first award with a cen-

tury against Gloucestershire. Gloucestershire, themselves, were crushed again Friday, losing by 64 runs to Nottinghamshire, despite a battling 57 from their Pakistani Sadiq Muhammad.

Captain Clive Rice was the inspiration for Nottinghamshire, falling four short of what would have been a brilliant century. The South Africa cracked a six and eleven fours out of 190 for nine to win the "gold award," the only bowler he was unable to massacre being John Childs, nine of had the remarkable figures of one for four from eleven overs, nine of which were maidens.

One of Yorkshire's lesser lights — young Seamer Mark Johnson — grabbed four for 18 to help his side beat Scotland by 42 runs and make certain of qualifying from Group "B". In the same Group, Derbyshire improved

their chances with a two-wicket win with three balls to spare at Old Trafford but must wait the outcome of Warwickshire's game against Scotland in a week's time. Geoff Miller was Derbyshire's hero, playing a captain's innings of 74, which included two sixes and five fours.

Alan Lilley, Essex's 22-year-old opener, helped his team to an eight-wicket victory over Combined Universities with 63 not out after being set a target of 121. He scored his runs with eight fours and a six. But the "man-of-the-match" award went to Clubmate Stuart Turner, who returned four for 19.

Surrey and Middlesex failed to play Friday and had to settle for a point each, which could cost them both qualification especially with Sussex beating the Minor counties by 46 runs in a match reduced to 23 overs each.

# Aussie tie ends in a tame draw

SOUTHAMPTON, England, May 23 (AFP) — Only John Dyson of the top six batsmen cashed-in on a gift-wrapped opportunity for intensive match practice as the first official Australian game of the tour, against Hampshire, was quietly played out at Southampton Friday.

Dyson made an impressive 60, but it was left to the useful middle-order men — Rodney Marsh and Ray Bright — to save the tourists from humiliation.

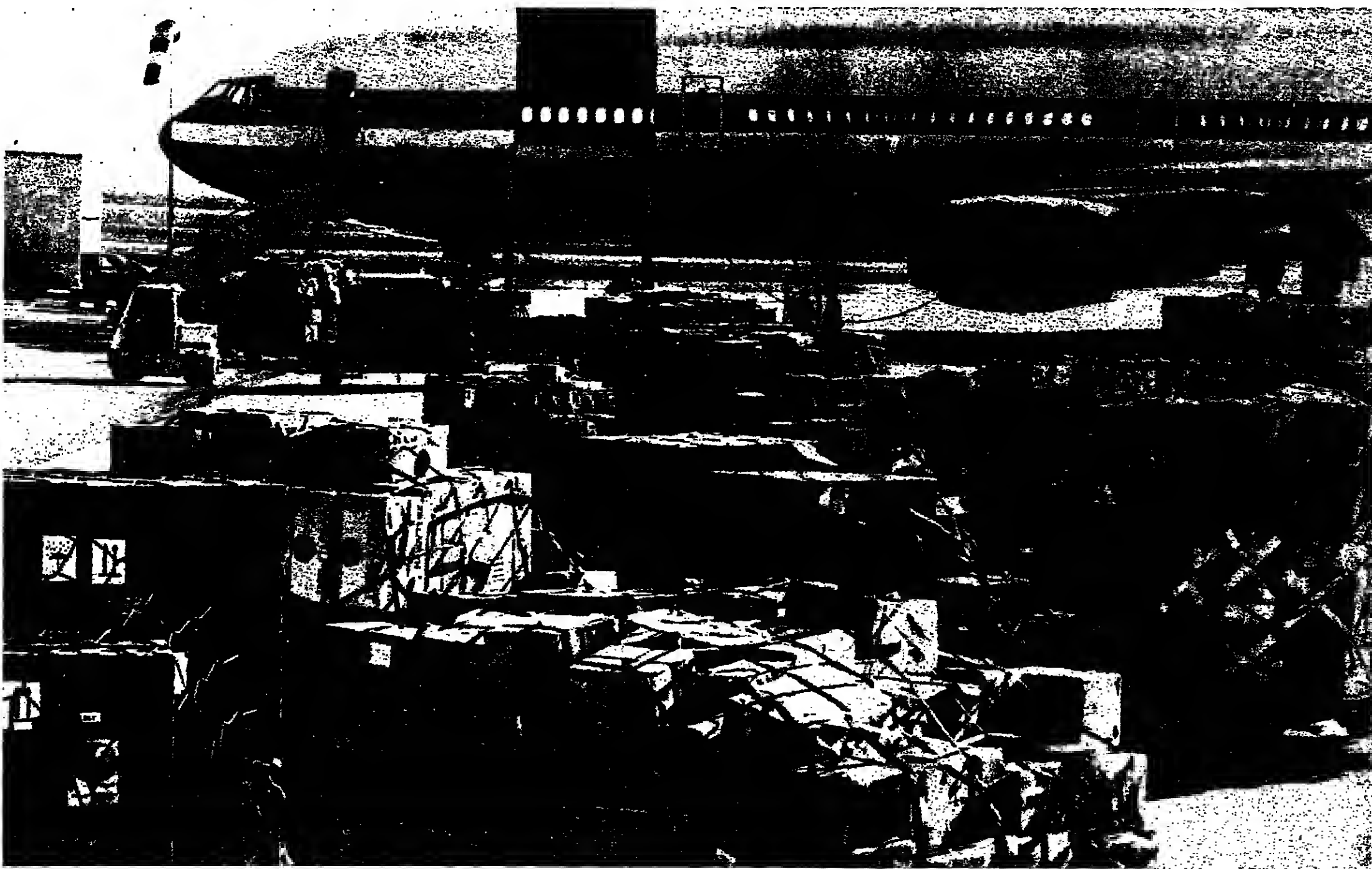
They added 104 in even time after coming together at a modest 126 for six. They also denied Hampshire a likely looking bonanza from the sponsors though the county picked up 338 pounds — 25 pounds for every wicket, and one pound for each run short of 400 in the Australian first innings.

The batsmen found a variety of ways to get out, but opener Graeme Wood's was the most predictable. His history of suicidal run-outs has earned him the tag "Kamikazi Kid". And, sure enough, without a run scored, he hesitated over a single, and was beaten by Cowley's slick throw.

Pace bowler Steve Malone had a hand in four successive wickets after lunch. Martin Keat, who had played neatly, became over-ambitious, and skied a catch. Captain Kim Hughes stroked his first ball to the long boundary but was then lbw even though the ball struck him above the pad.

Then Malone, dropped for Hampshire's match Saturday, revealed his catching skill. Allan Border surrendered when he swung Southern to deep square-leg.

Dyson had provided the backbone of the innings, relishing Cowley's off-spin.



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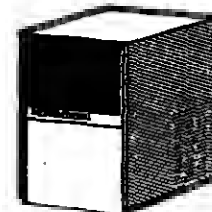
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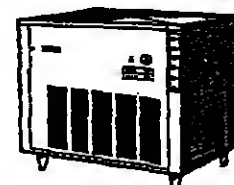
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## Robertson's goal enables Scotland down England

WEMBLEY, England, May 23 (AP) — John Robertson slotted home a 65th minute penalty to give Scotland a 1-0 victory over England in a disappointing British Championship soccer match at Wembley Saturday.

The teams were level 0-0 at half-time but when Bryan Robson fouled Steve Archibald in the penalty area, Robertson made no mistake from the spot.

The result extended England's worst-ever run in international soccer. England has now failed to win its last five international games and has not scored a goal for 422 minutes.

Scotland finished the championship with four points from its three games, but the series was incomplete because both England and Wales refused to travel to play Northern Ireland in troubled Belfast.

Cheered on by a huge body of supporters who had traveled from Scotland in defiance of a ban on ticket sales north of the border, Scotland was the better team. The Scots played with fire and passion while England was disjointed and lacked both confidence and ability.

England manager Ron Greenwood now has only seven days to lift his team's morale before the vital World Cup qualifying match against Switzerland in Basle next week. England also faces Hungary in Budapest in another world cup qualifying game in two weeks' time. There was nothing in this performance to suggest that England will qualify for the World Cup finals in Spain in 1982.

It took the back-luster England attack 31 minutes to get a shot on target. Glenn Hoddie's aimed, but Scottish goalkeeper Alan Rough made a fine acrobatic save to catch the ball in mid-air.

Steve Coppell, twice, and Graham Rix had earlier fired over the Scottish crossbar. But the early chance of the game fell to Scotland's Asa Hartford, whose low 25 meters drive was touched round the post by Jim Corrigan. Both teams struggled to overcome the heavy conditions and the turf made ball control difficult.

England did carve out a clearcut chance four minutes before half-time when Coppell crossed from the right only for Graham Rix

unmarked, to head haplessly off target.

The comedy of errors continued into the second period and even the introduction of substitutes Alvin Martin and Trevor Francis for Dave Watson and Tony Woodcock made little difference to England's performance.

Sixteen minutes into the second half Peter Withe, who has yet to score in three full appearances for England, beat Rough with a well directed header but Willy Miller hacked the ball off the line.

Four minutes later the Scots were ahead and they looked like relinquishing their lead. Francis twice went close and had a penalty appeal turned down when he appeared to be fouled by Miller. But the Scot too had their chances and the brave Corrigan twice did well to prevent Steve Archibald from increasing Scotland's lead.

Wembley officials announced that 90,000 tickets had been sold for the game, but an English Football Association spokesman said the crowd was not more than 75,000. Ticket sales were banned in Scotland and public transport to Wembley was halted following outbreak of violence when this fixture was last played here in 1979.

## England juniors start favorites

DUSSELDORF, May 23 (AFP) — Champions England start favorites to retain their title at the European under-18 football championships which open in West Germany Monday.

Sixteen nations, split into four pools of four, will be competing over nine days in 25 cities throughout West Germany for the right to reach the final in Dusseldorf, on Wednesday, June 3. England, who beat Poland 2-1 for the title last year bring a remarkable record to this 33-year-old tournament, having reached one of every three final since 1948 for a total of eight championship wins.

This year England find themselves in the same qualifying pool (group four) as Spain, Austria, and traditional rivals Scotland — who promise them a tough fight for Group supremacy.



IN POSSESSION: England's Trevor Francis has the ball when under control as Scotland's Willie Miller makes a dash from the right during the England-Scotland match at Wembley Saturday. Scotland won the encounter 1-0.

## Greenhoff nets winner

IRVING, Texas, May 23 (AP) — Veteran Blizzard forward Jimmy Greenhoff scored a second half goal and a tough defense made it stand for a 1-0 North American Soccer League victory over the Dallas Tornado before 3,119 fans at Texas Stadium Friday night.

The loss was the eight-straight for the Tornadoes, its worst losing streak since 1968 when the team lost its first 11 games. Greenhoff's goal at 18:28 of the first half came off a combination play with teammate Clyde Best and fellow forward Szjomo Soto.

After receiving a through pass from Soto, best side stepped Dallas defender Neil Cohen before passing to Greenhoff who promptly slotted it to the right of Dallas goalie Bill Irwin.

Dallas out shot Toronto 12-9 for the game. Blizzard goalie Tony Chursky was credited with three saves and Irwin also registered

three for Dallas.

Meanwhile, the Los Angeles Aztecs announced Friday they have signed free agent Brian Quinn, a former Irish National team member.

Quinn, 20, has played midfield for Everton, an English First Division club, for the past two years. He was the most valuable player of the Irish First Division in 1979, scoring 15 goals in 22 games for Larn, and later played with the Irish national team.

The San Diego Sockers too announced that the club has signed free agent defender David Burke of England to a multiyear contract. Contract terms were not disclosed.

A club spokesman said Burke, a 5-foot-10 inch, attack defender, has played in 88 professional games in England the last three years.

## West Germany will have it easy

LATHI, Finland, May 23 (R) — West Germany, European champions, look set for a comfortable win over the Finns in a European Group One Soccer World Cup qualifying match Sunday. The West Germans have taken all six points from their three games while the Finns, in process of rebuilding, have lost all four matches, failing to score a goal.

Finns Anager Esko Malm says he will be happy if he can keep the score down. He would probably deploy only two men up front, he said. But he badly wants a goal. Malm put down the Finns' recent poor performance to slow reaction rather than lack of skills or of speed over the ground.

The match will be played on a new pitch, built on a field where skiing and shooting contests were held last winter.



EYES ON THE BALL: Argentina's Jose Luis Clerc has his eyes on the ball as he is set to return a Ivan Lendl shot in the Italian Open Saturday. Clerc won at 3-6, 7-5, 6-0, 6-2.

## Clerc sails into final

ROME, May 23 (AFP) — Argentina's Jose Luis Clerc defeated Czech star Ivan Lendl 3-6, 7-5, 6-0, 6-2 here Saturday to reach the final of the Italian Tennis Open.

Lendl put up no defence in the final two sets and left the court complaining of lower body pains. Clerc will face the winner of the other semifinals between compatriot Guillermo Vilas and Victor Pecci of Paraguay.

Vilas made the grade, beating Hungary's Balasz Taroczy 6-4, 3-6, 6-2, while Victor Pecci of Paraguay beat Peter McNamara of Australia 6-2, 5-7, 7-6.

Vilas flawless up to now, had trouble against Taroczy, considered one of the best clay court players in the game. After two difficult sets Vilas finally found his game and forced Taroczy into errors.

"Taroczy is a difficult player but Friday he was doing everything well," said a tired Vilas after the match. "He was playing risky tennis but some of mistakes caught up with him." In the Pecci-McNamara match it seemed a question of whose legs would give out first. Pecci won the first set easily, but the Australian got hold of his game and began keeping his ground strikes in the lines and evened up the match with a 7-5 victory in the second set.

The deciding set saw both players lose their serves twice and each commit numerous unforced errors. Pecci finally prevailed winning the tie-break 11-9.

Jose-Luis Clerc had reached the semifinals with a dramatic 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 win over home idol Adriano Panatta that sent the Foro Italico crowd home bitterly disappointed.

Clerc, seeded third, seemed on his way to victory in the seesaw match when he took a

5-2 lead in the deciding set. Panatta fought back and went ahead 6-5, but Clerc took the 12th game to force a tie-breaker.

Meanwhile, top-seeded Tracy Austin of the United States lost to countrywoman Sandy Collins 6-3, 4-6, 6-7 Friday in quarterfinals at the \$100,000 Berlin Grand Prix. Before 2,500 spectators, Collins, listed 32nd in the world, fought back the opening attack of Austin to defeat her in the second set.

## BRIEFS

**SOUTH AFRICA, (AFP)** — The touring Irish Rugby union team routed the President Cup XV select 54-3 after leading 30-0 at half-time here Saturday.

**DUBLIN, Ohio, (AP)** — Keith Fergus, often a challenger but not yet winner on the PGA tour, birdied three of his last four holes for a 4-under-par 68 that staked him to one-stroke command Friday in the second round of the Memorial Golf Tournament.

**JAPAN, (AP)** — Australia, led by Lindy Goggin and Jane Lock, came from behind and beat Japan by eight strokes to win the third Asian Ladies Amateur Golf Team championship for the first time. The Australians entered the third and final round of the 54-hole tournament four strokes behind the Japanese, first and second round leaders.

**VIRGINIA BEACH, Virginia (AP)** — The Worrell 1000 sailboat race got off to a second start Friday after a day-and-a-half suspension for bad weather, but abating

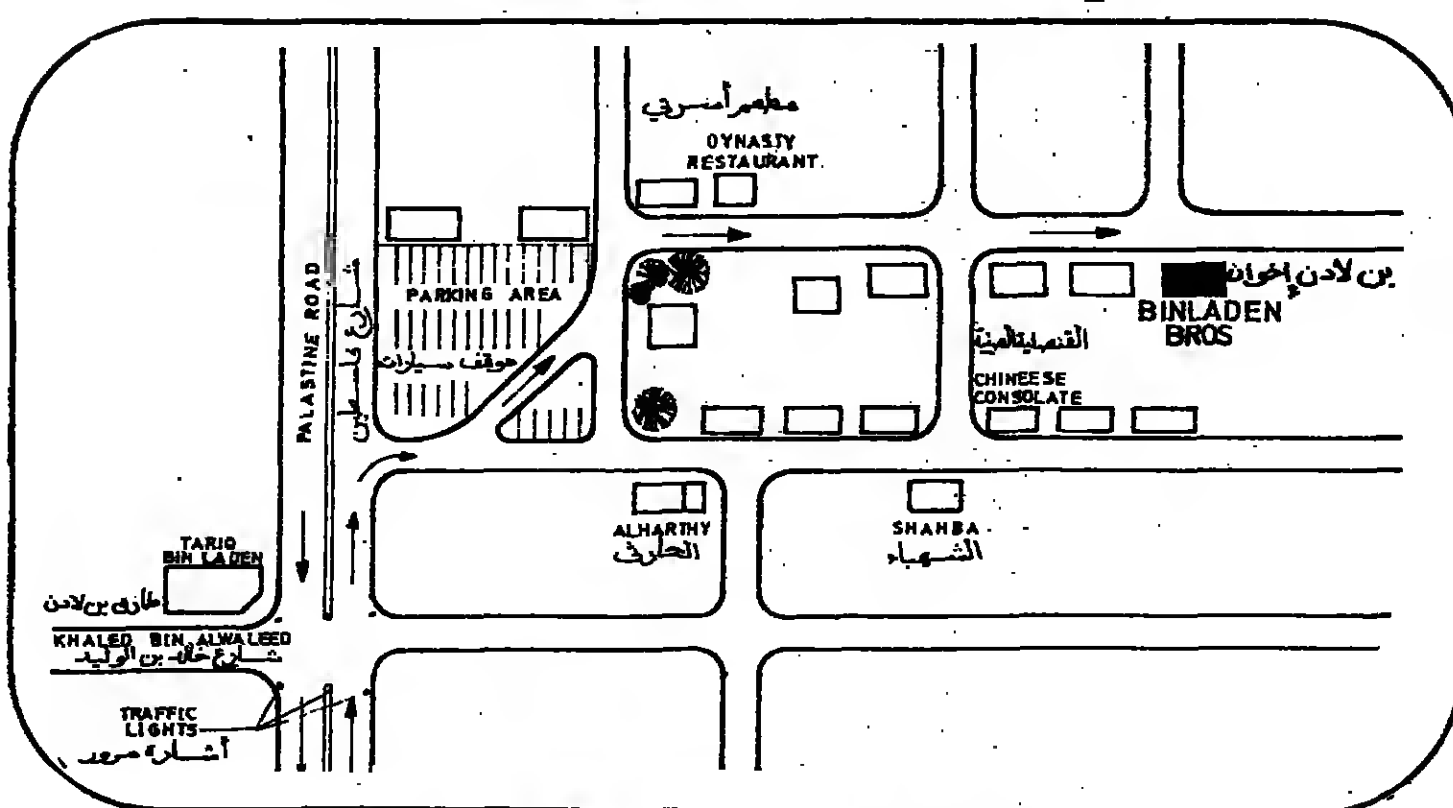
winds kept pushing back predictions on a finish. Race officials first thought the leader, apparently team Australia, would reach the end of the race here early Friday evening, then it was late Friday night, and then sometime early Saturday.

**TOKYO, (AFP)** — Indonesia reached the semi-finals in the ninth UBER Cup Women's World Badminton Championship when they added five more wins in Tokyo Saturday for a clean sweep of nine first-round matches against Malaysia. Indonesia, the runner-up in the last UBER Cup Tournament in 1978, will face England in the semi-finals of the five-nation championship in Nagoya Tuesday and Wednesday.

**CORNING, New York, (AP)** — Kathy Hite's 2-under-par 70 propelled her into a three-way tie with Patty Sheehan and Cathy Morse for the lead at under 141 Friday after two rounds of the \$125,000 Corning Classic. Hite, 32, ranks 89th on the Ladies Professional Golf Association Money list this year with \$3,487 in 12 tournaments.

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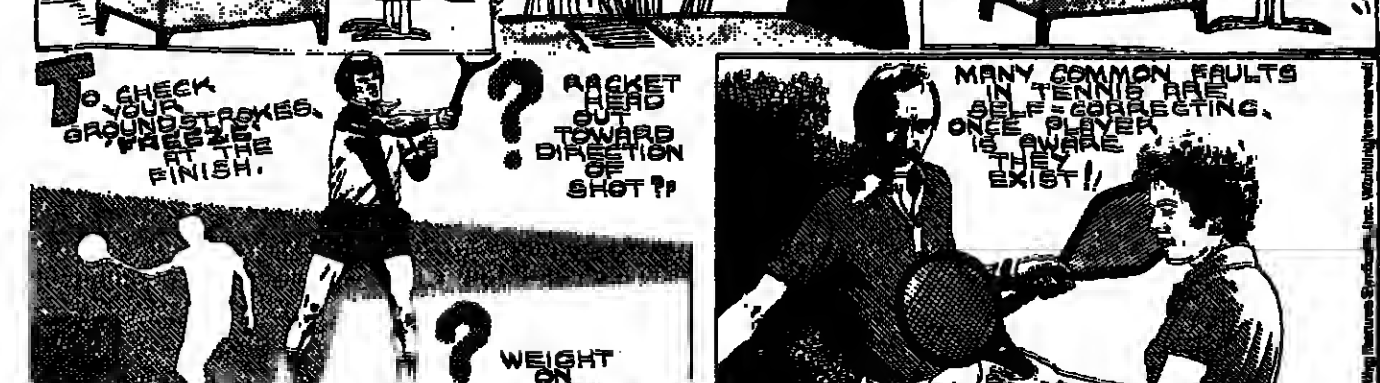
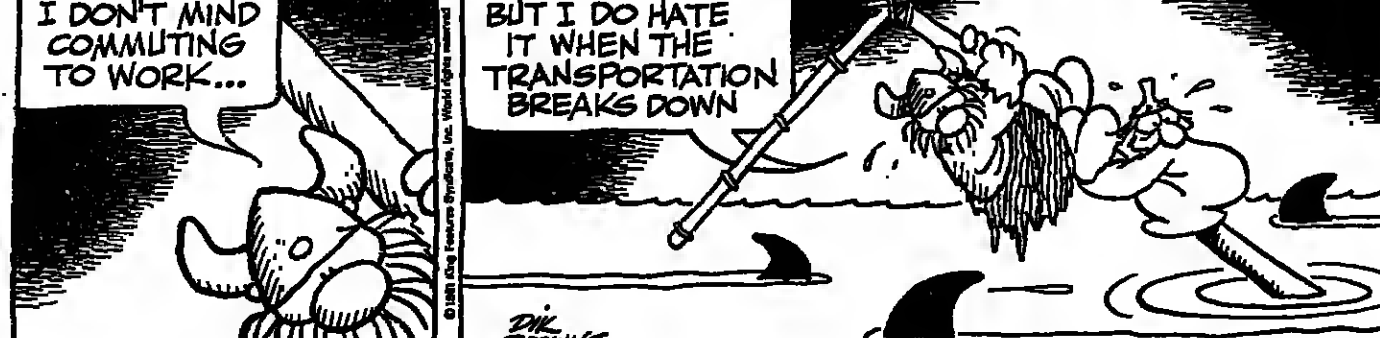
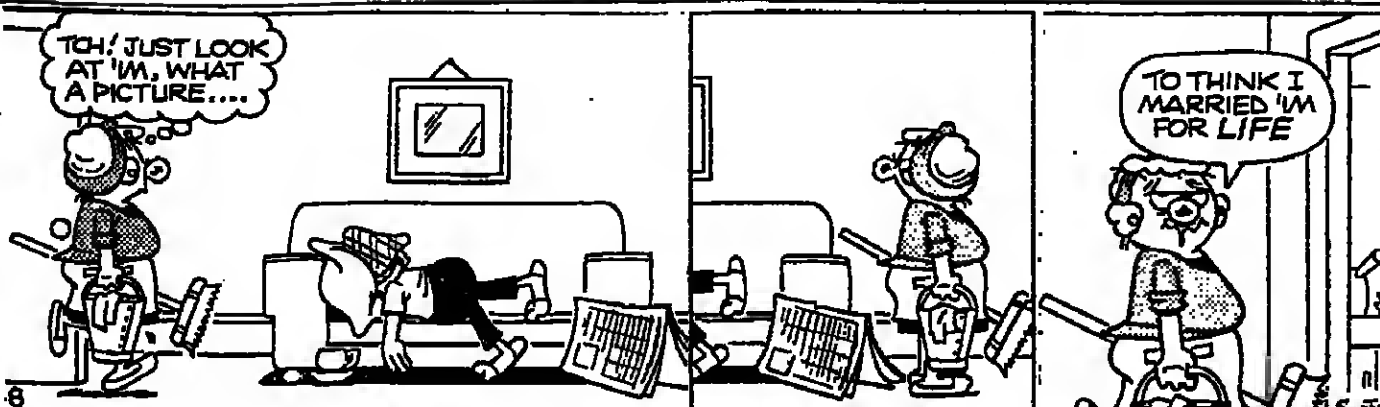
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Opening lead — king of spades.

Here is a type of play that is often missed. West leads the K-A and another spade after East plays high-low to show a doubton. East ruffs, returns a diamond, and South goes up with the ace, since the bidding and the diamond return both indicated that West has the king.

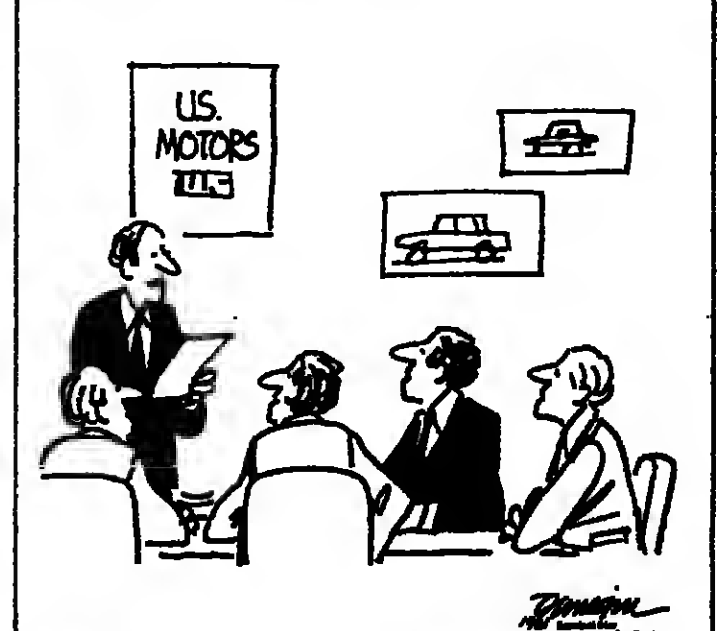
Declarer now needs the rest of the tricks to make the contract. Obviously, he can't meet this goal unless he can rescue his diamond loser.

One possible approach is to draw trumps and cash the A-Q-K of clubs, hoping to find the suit divided 3-3. In that case, the eight of clubs would become a trick on which declarer could discard dummy's queen of diamonds to make the contract. If South adopted this line of play in the actual hand, he would go down one. He'd find the clubs divided 4-2 instead of 3-3.

But if declarer follows a more promising line of play, he makes the contract. After taking the ace of diamonds, he plays five rounds of trumps, discarding a diamond from his hand to reduce himself to four cards, all of them clubs. Simultaneously, this reduces dummy to four cards consisting of the queen of diamonds and A-Q-3 of clubs. But, in the meantime, West must also come down to four cards, and he then finds it impossible to make a safe discard when the last trump is led from dummy. West's holding at that point is the king of diamonds and J-10-8-6 of clubs, and he cannot find a satisfactory discard. Whatever he does, South makes the contract.

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What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

**ARIES**  
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Socialize with others early in the day. Later, people could get on your nerves. News from friends and family should be pleasant.

**TAURUS**  
(Apr. 20 to May 20)  
Your overall plan for success is well-founded. Therefore, you will not be in the mood for compromise when others raise objections.

**GEMINI**  
(May 21 to June 20)  
Everything goes according to your wishes regarding romance and good times. It would be a shame to spoil this with a flirtation.

**CANCER**  
(June 21 to July 21)  
It would be unwise to act prematurely about a home project, which will take time to implement. Avoid risky moves regarding finances.

**LEO**  
(July 22 to Aug. 22)  
The day begins smoothly. Later, you'll be surprised when things don't go exactly your way. Avoid complicated power plays.

**VIRGO**  
(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)  
You know what you want in the realm of work projects and financial success. Don't give

in to the temptation to act impulsively.

**LIBRA**  
(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)  
A conservative course will work best in the long run. Don't insist on immediate results. Second thoughts are liable to prove faulty.

**SCORPIO**  
(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)  
You have a good idea, but if you voice it prematurely, others — out of jealousy — will downgrade your perspective.

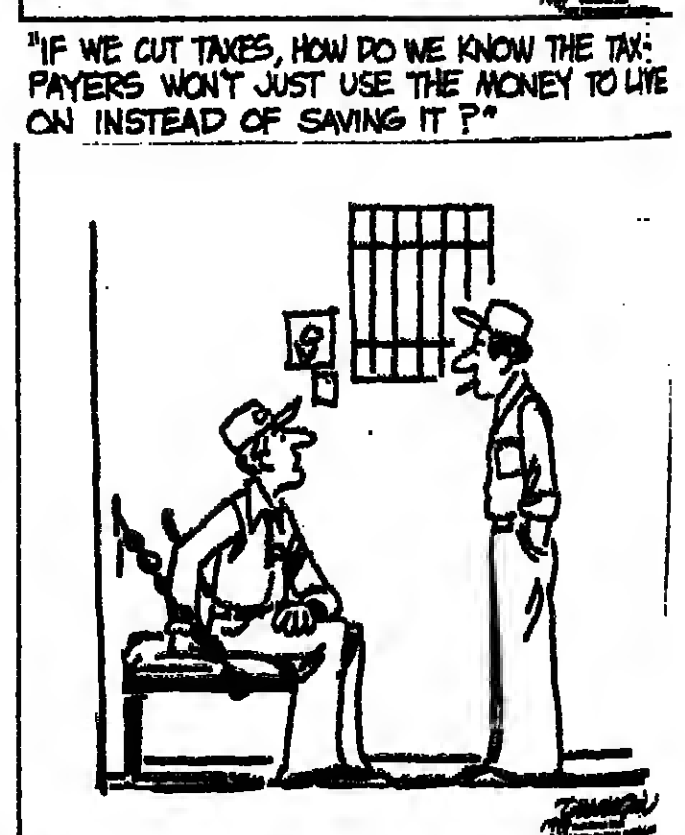
**SAGITTARIUS**  
(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)  
Older friends are especially helpful. The voice of experience helps you to understand. Even so, late afternoon talks could bog down.

**CAPIRICORN**  
(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)  
Letting others in on a good career opening is a sure way to invite competition. Be careful about mid-evening expenditures.

**AQUARIUS**  
(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)  
A visit to a familiar haunt refreshes the spirit. Minor problems with friends and loved ones could dampen the afternoon.

**PISCES**  
(Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)  
Follow through on plans to revise your investment structure, but don't expect everyone to agree with you. Minimize conflict.

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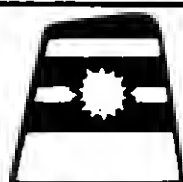
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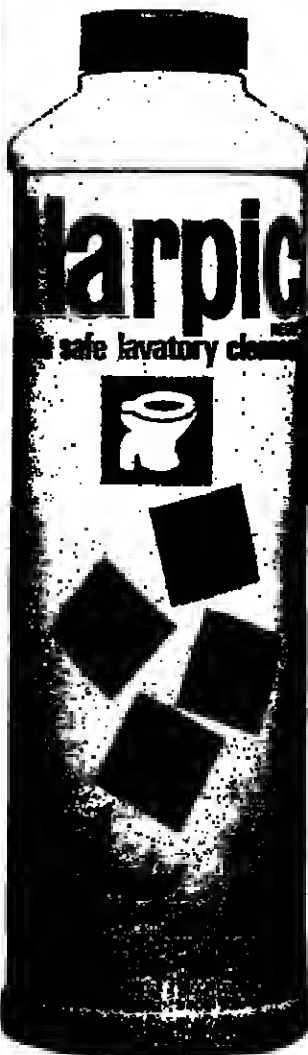
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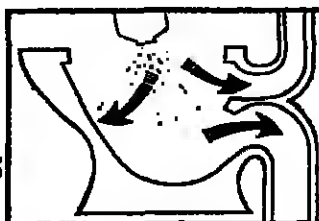
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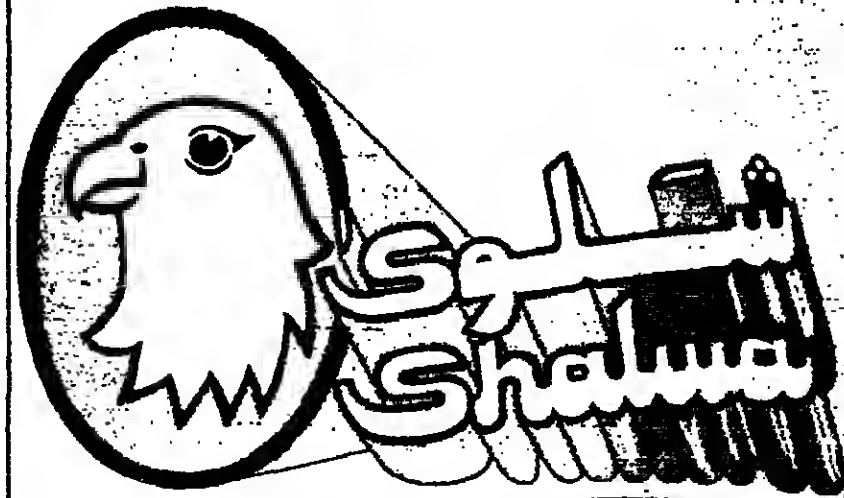


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## In fighting anarchy

# Polish troops to assist police

WARSAW, May 23 (Agencies) — Troops have been called in to help police fight what a senior Polish Politburo member describes as a slide toward anarchy, press reports here said Saturday. The move was disclosed by central committee secretary Stefan Olszowski at a meeting Friday with party militants at a textiles factory outside Warsaw, the reports said.

He was quoted as saying that joint army-militia patrols were being set up to help police following recent cases of violations against "discipline, peace and social order". Such cases were sapping the effectiveness of police and security services, Olszowski said. He termed it "very dangerous phenomenon, a step toward anarchy".

The Politburo member added that it was vital to strengthen the position of police and show them that they had society's support. He also called for moves to restore the prestige of "Ormo" voluntary civilian militia and to set up civilian militias operating in conjunction with police.

Meanwhile, the independent union Solidarity Friday warned that the government's failure to implement some agreements could bring mounting tensions over several scattered local disputes.

The statement, carried by the union's news service, came as five workers in Sosnowiec, southern Poland, completed the second day of a hunger strike aimed at winning the release of several political prisoners.

Another Solidarity news bulletin, *Independence*, said the current "negotiating style" of the government could "trigger sudden tension and bring to the surface local conflicts".

The Solidarity warning cited local disputes involving firefighters in Solidarity and other unions, as well as printers, employees of the defense and interior ministries and bank and power plant workers.

Meanwhile, the Soviet news agency Tass charged "revisionist" forces bent on imposing structural changes in the Communist Party here were working "hand in hand" with Solidarity and dissidents and the Polish party daily *Trybuna Ludu* printed an article critical of the independent union's program.

"Each consecutive day in Poland brings evidence of mounting tension over the refusal by the authorities to implement the agree-

ments signed with individual branch sections of Solidarity," the union's news service said.

*Independence* printed a summary of recent negotiations saying the government had refused to discuss "details of some issues" pleading lack of relevant powers. Failure to reach an agreement on the union's demand for freeing some prisoners, voiced during strike-ending accords that led to its formation in Gdansk last summer, apparently sparked the hunger strike in Sosnowiec.

A spokesman for the five men, Jan Howach, said they had vowed to continue their fast until five members of the "Confederation

of Independent Poland" were released. The group, called KPN, is considered nationalist by the authorities who have charged the jailed members with anti-state activities.

The spokesman said the hunger strike might spread to other cities, even though Solidarity had opposed its start, and noted that independent students and a Gdansk-based committee for prisoners' rights planned a march Monday to support their demands.

Among the protests cited by Solidarity was a complex dispute involving Solidarity and non-Solidarity union firefighters seeking higher pay and better equipment.



BLAZING BARRICADE: A street scene in the Irish Republican stronghold of Belfast Friday following the death of the fourth hunger striker, Patsy O'Hara, in a campaign for political prisoner status. Within minutes of O'Hara's death in the Maze prison Irish guerrillas erected makeshift barricades in the city and set fire to them making armored cars retreat from the scene. (AP wirephoto)

## U.S. policy to guarantee minorities' civil rights

WASHINGTON, May 23 (R) — The U.S. government has signaled a change in policies guaranteeing black civil rights. Attorney General William French Smith said the Justice Department would shift emphasis away from strict racial hiring quotas and mandatory busing of schoolchildren. He said the measures had sometimes been counterproductive.

Smith told the American Law Institute in Philadelphia that the department would recommend "innovative and practical methods" to assure equal rights for blacks

and other minorities but did not disclose them. He attacked what he called past over-reliance on court-ordering busing of schoolchildren and on forcing businesses with federal contracts to use racial quotas in hiring.

In a number of U.S. cities, young blacks and whites are currently transported by buses to schools away from their neighborhoods in order to achieve racial balance in classrooms. Schoolboards and many parents have complained vigorously about the costs and logistics involved.

"Mandatory busing is not an effective educational remedy," Smith declared Friday. "And in many cases it has also proven counterproductive. The Department of Justice will hence forward propose remedies that have the best chance of both improving the quality of education in the schools and promoting desegregation," he said.

Mandatory racial quotas in employment, he said, have placed "inflexible restraints on the opportunities afforded to the race in an effort to remedy past discrimination against another."

Smith said the Justice Department will vigorously enforce the country's civil rights laws. But he added: "I believe the time has come in America when more can be accomplished by emphasizing the aspirations most Americans have, irrespective of race: a high quality of education for their children and the opportunity to make most their individual abilities."

## N-reactor leak hits 3 Japanese

YOKYO, May 23 (AFP) — Coolant water leaked from a reactor at a nuclear power plant in western Japan Friday night, exposing three workers to a minimal level of radiation and letting a small amount of radioactive gas outside, it was reported Saturday.

The workers were exposed to 10 millirems of radioactivity and the gas leakage registered about one curie, according to officials at the plant of Kansai Electric Company at Mihama, a coastal town by the sea of Japan, in a report to the Natural Resources and Energy Agency.

## Good Morning

By Jihad Al Khazen

If health, as the old saying had it, is a crown for the healthy which only the sick can see, then sleeping on an airplane is ditto — but one which only the insomniac like me can see.

Since I have come to work in London, I found myself often on a plane on one of these long, long trips, either to the Middle East or to America. An hour's nap in such cases makes all the difference between landing ready to take on the world on the other end, or spending the next day in bed with jet lag. But no matter how much I try, the result is always the same.

Everyone have their dinner and watch their film then, without a care in the world seemingly. All that is, except yours truly. I sit by my little window counting the stars, wondering if it was normal for the engine to sound like this, counting the stars.

Last time I was on a plane, the same thing happened. But I thought the time ought to be employed more usefully: a spot of scientific observation of people's sleeping habits seemed just the thing. Hereunder are the findings:

One type identified immediately was the snorer. But here we had a particularly interesting specimen: the musical snorer. A thin, continuous melodious sound starting gently, then breaks up in several little hiccupps. A short silence, then the process is repeated. It reminded me of those fountains in Andalusian gardens.

But then the mood breaks as the most aggressive and unlovely type of snorer makes his contribution: The open-mouthed snorer roaring suddenly into action, causing everyone else to stir uneasily in their sleep. Am sure the man is a bachelor — or he is now if he had been married, for who can sleep in the same room with such a frightful noise (not to mention aesthetically unpleasant sight).

Then there was the repressive, back-to-the-womb type of sleeper, wrapped from head to foot with a blanket and hunched so that you don't know which end you're looking at as you see him. Then there was the one with the hairpiece gone askew as he mumbles angrily in his dreams and the one...

But then from the East, dawn began to break — and a long jet-lagged day opened up before me.

Translated from Ashraf Al Awaad

## Iranian attack repulsed at Susangerd, Iraq says

NICOSIA, May 23 (Agencies) — Iraq has said its forces repulsed a large-scale Iranian attack on forward positions at Susangerd in Iran's southern oil province of Khuzistan.

A communique broadcast by Baghdad radio said the Iraqi forces were continuing "hitting and destroying the enemy" at Shoush near Susangerd, where it claimed 194 Iranian troops were killed.

The Iranians were also suffering heavy human and material losses at Susangerd, the main thrust of the Iranian attack, the communique said without giving details.

The attack, launched at dawn Thursday, was for the recapture of strategic heights bordering Iraq. But sundown Thursday Iran claimed its forces had managed to regain several important positions in the area after killing

ling, wounding and capturing hundreds of Iraqi soldiers. However, Iraq said the fighting was continuing.

The Iraqi communique Friday claimed a total of 217 Iranians were killed by its forces along the 300-mile battlefront in 24 hours. It conceded 14 Iraqi deaths.

The communique also said an Iranian helicopter gunship was shot down in continuing clashes on the Abadan front south of Susangerd on the Gulf.

Iran's official news agency, Pars, said Iraqi shelling of Abadan killed three persons and wounded 27 others.

Meanwhile, Iran's state radio reported Friday night that at least 270 Iraqis were killed for the loss of 39 Iranians in a major action which led to the recapture of a strategic position in Khuzistan province Thursday.

Quoting a joint staff communique, it gave what it said was the final death toll in operations over a wide front which retook the Allah-O-Akbar heights in the northwest corner of the province.

## Salazar's friend dies

LISBON, May (R) — Maria Caetano Freire, the most powerful woman in Portugal during Dr. Antonio de Oliveira Salazar's rule as prime minister, died in Lisbon Friday.

Known throughout Portugal as Dona Maria, she was Dr. Salazar's life long companion and house keeper, guarding access to his presence, keeping him abreast of popular gossip and acting as a personal confidant to the bachelor prime minister.

An uneducated peasant woman from northern Portugal, she was feared and respected by all who met her, including government ministers. But she was also a retiring figure who never sought publicity. After Salazar died in 1970, she moved to a cottage outside Lisbon, and lived quietly there until her death. She was in her 80s.

## Prison mutiny at Iona quelled

IONA, Michigan, May 23 (AFP) — As security forces Saturday put down a large-scale mutiny at Iona jail in which 18 prisoners were injured, prisoners in a Carson City, Nevada, prison released one of the three guards taken hostage Friday night, officials said.

A special police intervention unit had surrounded the Nevada prison where the inmates and their two remaining hostages were entrenched. The leader was identified as David Wayne, involved in a prison hostage-taking in February when eight guards and a nurse were captured.

According to a prison spokesman, the latest hostage-takers' demands were not clear. In the Iona jail, where the average age of the inmates is 19, guards and police managed to restore order after a night of rioting.

## Lefever's nomination 'is in trouble'

WASHINGTON, May 23 (AP) — Senate majority leader Howard Baker has told the White House that its nomination of Ernest W. Lefever to be President Ronald Reagan's representative on human rights issues is in serious trouble. Senate sources have said.

Baker did not suggest that the nomination be withdrawn, however, the source said, Friday. Earlier this week, Sen. Charles H. Percy, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, privately urged the White House to withdraw the nomination, according to Senate and White House sources.

The State Department issued a statement Friday saying that Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr. "has reiterated his complete support of Dr. Lefever's nomination."

All eight of the Democrats and two of the nine Republicans on the Foreign Relations Committee have indicated they oppose Lefever's confirmation. However, the full Senate can revive the nomination on the

## Berlin government formation Party defies Genscher

WEST BERLIN, May 23 (R) — West Berlin's four-month-old political crisis deepened Saturday after an acrimonious meeting of the liberal Free Democratic Party (FDP) voted against helping the opposition conservatives form a working government.

The special Congress of the FDP Friday opened up deep splits in the Berlin wing of the party and put it at odds with the national leadership under West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher.

The opposition Christian Democrats (CDU) emerged as the strongest party after premature elections on May 1 but were left two seats short of an overall majority in the city parliament.

After the Berlin FDP executive rejected CDU appeals to form a coalition, Genscher

floor, where Lefever's chances are considered brighter.

Critics have accused Lefever of being insensitive to human rights abuses by right-wing governments and of possible conflicts of interest in his position to curbs on the sale of infant formula powdered milk in poor countries.

White House deputy press secretary Larry Speakes told reporters "the president wants his nominee" and later Haig said at a press conference: "We continue to have confidence in him."

Lefever has headed the Ethics and Public Policy Center, a private "think tank" organization which received funds from the Nestle Company, a major powdered milk producer. This week the United States voted against adoption of a new World Health Organization code calling for a voluntary ban on advertising powdered milk as a substitute for mothers' milk.

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bricks, bottles filled with petrol or acid, blast bombs made of dynamite-filled pipe lengths and, recently, catapults. A 15-year-old Catholic boy was taken to hospital from a riot scene in Belfast and friends said he had been hit in the face by a British army plastic anti-riot bullet.

A 12-year-old girl and a 40-year-old man died Friday after being hit by plastic, bullets, which police and soldiers use to disperse crowds of rioters.

Meanwhile, Protestant hard-liner Ian Paisley and his Democratic Unionist Party emerged as the big winners in local elections — nearly doubling its representation.

The complicated proportional representation voting means final results were not due until later Saturday, but with nearly all the 520 seats counted, Paisley's party was running neck-and-neck with the official Unionist

Party. In the 1977 vote, the DUP took 74 seats. This time it has 142 seats, 10 behind the official Unionists who lost 26 seats.

The Irish Independence Party, which has solidly supported the Maze prison hunger strike, has won 21 seats, entering council chambers for the first time. One winner was Oliver Hughes, brother of Francis Hughes who died earlier this month after refusing food for 59 days in the Maze prison.

The results were seen as encouraging for moderate Catholics opposed to the hunger strike. They have come in for bitter attacks by Republican leaders in recent weeks at demonstrations to back the fasting prisoners.

But a big loser was Gerry Fitt, a former leader of the SDLP, and the only Ulster Catholic in the House of Commons in London. He lost the seat on the Belfast council he had held for the past 23 years.

## 65 Ugandans die as boat capsizes

NAIROBI, May 23 (AP) — An overloaded water taxi capsized on Lake Mobutu Sese Seko in northwestern Uganda Saturday about 65 persons were believed drowned, Uganda radio reported Saturday. In a broadcast monitored here, Uganda radio reported that 15 persons had survived and 15 bodies had so far been recovered.

The broadcast said the boat which is certified to carry only 65 persons, had about 80 persons onboard when it capsized Friday.

Lake Mobutu Sese Seko formerly known as Lake Albert, forms the border between Uganda and Zaire.

## Salut crew returning

MOSCOW, May 23 (R) — Two Soviet cosmonauts aboard the orbiting Salut-4 space station were Saturday reported by Tass news agency to be rounding off their research program, suggesting they will return to earth soon.

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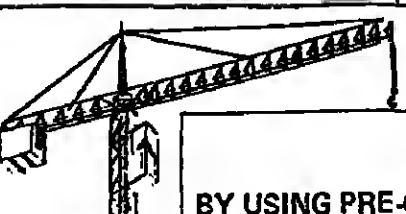
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